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Prefatory Note.

In preparing the fifth edition of their Book of Common Order, the Editorial Committee of the Church Service Society have carefully revised the Lectionary and the several Services included in the last edition; and have added Services for the Visitation of the Sick, for the Admission of Elders, for the Laying of a Foundation-Stone, and the Dedication of a Church.

The Service for the Ordination of Ministers has been almost entirely rewritten; and the Appendix, which has been completely reconstructed, contains a collection of materials for Daily and other Services, systematically arranged, the larger part of which is new.

The Committee trust that the alterations and additions thus made will commend themselves to their fathers and brethren in the ministry, and to the congregations committed to their care, and will promote the order and solemnity of their worship of Him, who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth.

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PART I.

THE LECTIONARY

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SERVICES FOR THE FIVE SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH.

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THE LECTIONARY.

THE Lessons for Morning and Evening Service on the Lord's Day form a two-years' course. The First Lesson in the Morning Service is selected from the historical books of the Old Testament, on the principle of conveying an outline of the sacred history; and the First Lesson in the Evening Service is taken from the prophetical writings, the order of the canon being followed throughout. The Second Lesson is taken from the Gospels in the Morning, and from the Epistles in the Evening Service.

The Table for the First Year is to be used in those years of which the number is odd, as 1885-87, &c.; the Table for the Second Year in those of which the number is even, as 1884-86, &c.

The Alternative Table of Lessons is added for

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the convenience of congregations in special circumstances, as when there can be but one Service.

When Psalms and Lessons are specified in the Table of Psalms and Lessons for Special Services, as proper for a special occasion, the Psalms and Lessons of ordinary course are then to be omitted.

According to the Table of Daily Lessons, the Old Testament is read through once, with the exception of certain parts omitted as less suitable, and the New Testament twice, every year.

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Table

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Psalms and Lessons

for

Divine Service

on

Every Lord's Day throughout the Year

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FIRST YEAR.—MORNING.

Sundays.	Psalms.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
Jan. 1 — 7	i. ii.	Gen. i.	Matt. i. 18 & ii.
" 8 — 14	v. vi.	" ii.	" iii.
" 15 — 21	ix.	" iii.	" iv.
" 22 — 28	xi. xii.	" iv.	" v. 1-20
" 29 Feb. 4	xv. xvi.	" vi.	" v. 21
Feb. 5 — 11	xviii. 1-29	" vii.	" vi.
" 12 — 18	xix.	" viii. & ix. 1-19	" vii.
" 19 — 25	xxii.	" xi. 27 & xii.	" viii.
" 26 Mar. 3	xxv.	" xiii.	" ix.
Mar. 4 — 10	xxviii. xxix.	" xiv. & xv. 1-6	" x.
" 11 — 17	xxxii. xxxiii.	" xvii. 1-22	" xi.
" 18 — 24	xxxv.	" xviii. 16 or xix. 12-29	" xii. 1-21
" 25 — 31	xxxvii.	" xxii. 1-19	" xii. 22
April 1 — 7	xxxix. xl.	" xxiv. 1-28	" xiii. 1-30
" 8 — 14	xlii. xliii.	" xxiv. 29	" xiii. 31
" 15 — 21	xlv.	" xxvii. 1-40	" xiv.
" 22 — 28	xlvii. xlviii.	" xxvii. 41 & xxviii.	" xv.
" 29 May 5	l.	" xxxii.	" xvi.
May 6 — 12	lii. liii.	" xxxvii.	" xvii.
" 13 — 19	lvi. lvii.	" xli. 14	" xviii.
" 20 — 26	lx. lxi.	" xlii. or xliii.	" xix.
" 27 June 2	lxiv. lxv.	" xlv. & xlvi. 1-7	" xx.
June 3 — 9	lxviii.	" xlvii. 27 & xlviii.	" xxi. 1-22
" 10 — 16	lxx. lxxi.	" xlix.	" xxi. 23
" 17 — 23	lxxiii.	Ex. ii.	" xxii.
" 24 — 30	lxxv. lxxvi.	" iii.	" xxiii.
July 1 — 7	lxxviii. 1-31	" v. or vii. or x.	" xxiv.
" 8 — 14	lxxix.	" xii. 1-42	" xxv.
" 15 — 21	lxxxii. lxxxiii.	" xiv.	" xxvi. 1-35.
" 22 — 28	lxxxvi.	" xvi.	" xxvi. 36.
" 29 Aug. 4	lxxxix.	" xvii.	" xxvii. 1-31.
Aug. 5 — 11	xci. xcii.	" xx. 1-21	" xxvii. 32.
" 12 — 18	xcv. xcvi.	" xxiv. & xxv. 1-22	" xxviii.
" 19 — 25	xcix. c. ci.	" xxvii. or xxviii. 1-41	Mark i.
" 26 Sept. 1	ciii.	" xxx. or xxxii.	" ii.
Sept. 2 — 8	cv.	" xxxiii.	" iii.
" 9 — 15	cvii.	" xl.	" iv.
" 16 — 22	cx. cxi.	Lev. vi. 8	" v.
" 23 — 29	cxiv. cxv.	" vii. 7	" vi. 1-29.
" 30 Oct. 6	cxviii.	" x. or xvi.	" vi. 30.
Oct. 7 — 13	cxix. 17-40	" xxiii. or xxv. 1-23	" vii.
" 14 — 20	cxix. 57-80	Num. xiii. 17 & xiv. 1-25	" viii.
" 21 — 27	cxix. 97-120	" xvi.	" ix. 1-29.
" 28 Nov. 3	cxix. 137-160	" xvii. & xviii. 1-7	" ix. 30.
Nov. 4 — 10	cxx. cxxi. cxxii.	" xxi.	" x. 1-31.
" 11 — 17	cxxvi. cxxvii.	" xxii.	" x. 32.
" 18 — 24	cxxx. cxxxi.	" xxiii.	" xi.
" 25 Dec. 1	cxxxiv. cxxxv.	" xxiv.	" xii.
Dec. 2 — 8	cxxxvii. cxxxviii.	Deut. iv. 1-31.	" xiii.
" 9 — 15	cxl. cxli.	" vi.	" xiv. 1-31.
" 16 — 22	cxliv.	" xxix. & xxx. 15	" xiv. 32.
" 23 — 29	cxlvii.	" xxxii.	" xv.
" 30 — 31	xc. xci.	" xxxiii. & xxxiv.	" xvi.

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FIRST YEAR.—EVENING.

Sundays.	Psalms.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
Jan. 1 — 7	iii. iv.	Prov. i. 20 & ii. 1-9	Acts i.
" 8 — 14	vii. viii.	" viii.	" ii. 1-21.
" 15 — 21	x.	Eccl. i. 12 & ii. 1-17	" ii. 22.
" 22 — 28	xiii. xiv.	" xi. & xii.	" iii.
" 29 Feb. 4	xvii.	Isaiah i. 1-20	" iv.
Feb. 5 — 11	xviii. 30	" ii.	" v.
" 12 — 18	xx. xxi.	" v.	" vi.
" 19 — 25	xxiii. xxiv.	" vi.	" viii.
" 26 Mar. 3	xxvi. xxvii.	" viii. 11 & ix. 1-7.	" ix. 1-22.
Mar. 4 — 10	xxx. xxxi.	" xi. & xii.	" ix. 23.
" 11 — 17	xxxiv.	" xiv.	" x.
" 18 — 24	xxxvi.	" xxii.	" xi.
" 25 — 31	xxxviii.	" xxiv. or xxv.	" xii.
April 1 — 7	xli.	" xxviii.	" xv. or xvi.
" 8 — 14	xliv.	" xxix.	" xvii. or xix.
" 15 — 21	xlvi.	" xxxii. or xxxiii.	" xx. or xxiii.
" 22 — 28	xlix.	" xxxv.	" xxv. 13 & xxvi.
" 29 May 5	li.	" xl.	" xxvii.
May 6 — 12	liv. lv.	" xli.	" xxviii.
" 13 — 19	lviii. lix.	" xlii.	Rom. i. 1-24.
" 20 — 26	lxii. lxiii.	" xliv.	" iii.
" 27 June 2	lxvi. lxvii.	" xlv.	" iv.
June 3 — 9	lxix.	" xlix.	" v.
" 10 — 16	lxxii.	" li. 1-16	" vi.
" 17 — 23	lxxiv.	" lii. 1-12	" viii.
" 24 — 30	lxxvii.	" lii. 13 & liii.	" xi.
July 1 — 7	lxxviii. 32.	" liv.	" xii.
" 8 — 14	lxxx. lxxxi.	" lv.	" xiii.
" 15 — 21	lxxxiv. lxxxv.	" lviii.	" xiv.
" 22 — 28	lxxxvii. lxxxviii.	" lix.	" xv.
" 29 Aug. 4	xc.	" lx.	1 Cor. i.
Aug. 5 — 11	xciii. xciv.	" lxi. & lxii.	" ii.
" 12 — 18	xcvii. xcviii.	" lxiii. & lxiv.	" iii.
" 19 — 25	cii.	" lxv.	" v. or vi.
" 26 Sept. 1	civ.	" lxvi.	" viii. or ix.
Sept. 2 — 8	cvi.	Jer. i.	" x. or xi.
" 9 — 15	cviii. cix.	" v. 11	" xii. & xiii.
" 16 — 22	cxii. cxiii.	" vii.	" xiv.
" 23 — 29	cxvi. cxvii.	" viii. 14 & ix.	" xv. 1-19.
" 30 Oct. 6	cxix. 1-16	" xiii. 1-17	" xv. 20.
Oct. 7 — 13	cxix. 41-56	" xix. 14 & xx. 1-13	2 Cor. iv.
" 14 — 20	cxix. 81-96	" xxiii. 1-22	" v.
" 21 — 27	cxix. 121-136	" xxiii. 23	" vi. or vii.
" 28 Nov. 3	cxix. 161-176	" xxvi.	" ix. or xii.
Nov. 4 — 10	cxxiii. cxxiv. cxxv.	" xxvii. or xxviii.	Gal. iii.
" 11 — 17	cxxviii. cxxix.	" xxx.	" v.
" 18 — 24	cxxxii. cxxxiii.	" xxxi. 18	" vi.
" 25 Dec. 1	cxxxvi.	" xxxiii.	Eph. i.
Dec. 2 — 8	cxxxix.	" xxxv.	" ii.
" 9 — 15	cxlii. cxliii.	" xxxvi.	" iii.
" 16 — 22	cxlv. cxlvi.	" xxxviii.	" iv.
" 23 — 29	cxlviii. cxlix. cl.	" xlii. & xliii. 1-7	" v.
" 30 — 31	ciii.	Lam. ii. 1-19	" vi.

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SECOND YEAR.—MORNING.

Sundays.	Psalms.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
Jan. 1 — 7	i. ii.	Josh. iii. & iv. 1-14	Luke i. 1-38.
" 8 — 14	v. vi.	" v. 10 & vi. 1-20	" i. 39.
" 15 — 21	ix.	" vii.	" ii.
" 22 — 28	xi. xii.	" xxiv.	" iii. 1-22.
" 29 Feb. 4	xv. xvi.	Judges ii.	" iv.
Feb. 5 — 11	xviii. 1-29	" vi.	" v.
" 12 — 18	xix.	" vii.	" vi.
" 19 — 25	xxii.	" xii. & xiii.	" vii.
" 26 Mar. 3	xxv.	Ruth i.	" viii. 1-25.
Mar. 4 — 10	xxviii. xxix.	1 Sam. iii.	" viii. 26.
" 11 — 17	xxxii. xxxiii.	" iv.	" ix. 1.-27.
" 18 — 24	xxxv.	" ix. 15 & x. or xii.	" ix. 28.
" 25 — 31	xxxvii.	" xv. 10 & xvi. 1-13.	" x.
April 1 — 7	xxxix. xl.	" xvii. 12.	" xi. 1-28.
" 8 — 14	xlii. xliii.	" xxvi.	" xi. 29.
" 15 — 21	xlv.	" xxviii.	" xii. 1-34.
" 22 — 28	xlvii. xlviii.	2 Sam. i.	" xii. 35.
" 29 May 5	l.	" vi.	" xiii.
May 6 — 12	lii. liii.	" vii.	" xiv.
" 13 — 19	lvi. lvii.	" xv.	" xv.
" 20 — 26	lx. lxi.	" xvii.	" xvi.
" 27 June 2	lxiv. lxv.	" xviii.	" xvii.
June 3 — 9	lxviii.	" xix. 1-40	" xviii.
" 10 — 16	lxx. lxxi.	1 Chron. xxix.	" xix.
" 17 — 23	lxxiii.	2 Chron. i. & ii.	" xx.
" 24 — 30	lxxv. lxxvi.	1 Kings vi.	" xxi.
July 1 — 7	lxxviii. 1-31	" viii. 22	" xxii. 1-38.
" 8 — 14	lxxix.	" xi. 9.	" xxii. 39.
" 15 — 21	lxxxii. lxxxiii.	" xii.	" xxiii.
" 22 — 28	lxxxvi.	" xvii.	" xxiv.
" 29 Aug. 4	lxxxix.	" xviii.	John i.
Aug. 5 — 11	xci. xcii.	" xix.	" ii.
" 12 — 18	xcv. xcvi.	" xxii. 1-40	" iii.
" 19 — 25	xcix. c. ci.	2 Kings ii. 1-15	" iv.
" 26 Sept. 1	ciii.	" iv. or v.	" v.
Sept. 2 — 8	cv.	" x.	" vi. 1-21.
" 9 — 15	cvii.	" xiii.	" vi. 22.
" 16 — 22	cx. cxi.	" xvii.	" vii.
" 23 — 29	cxiv. cxv.	" xviii. 37 & xix.	" viii. 1-20.
" 30 Oct. 6	cxviii.	" xx.	" viii. 21.
Oct. 7 — 13	cxix. 17-40	2 Chron. xxxiv. 8	" ix.
" 14 — 20	cxix. 57-80	" xxxv	" x.
" 21 — 27	cxix. 97-120	" xxxvi.	" xi.
" 28 Nov. 3	cxix. 137-160	Ezra iii.	" xii.
Nov. 4 — 10	cxx. cxxi. cxxii.	Neh. ii.	" xiii.
" 11 — 17	cxxvi. cxxvii.	" viii.	" xiv.
" 18 — 24	cxxx. cxxxi.	Esth. v. 9, vi. & vii.	" xv.
" 25 Dec. 1	cxxxiv. cxxxv.	Job i. & ii. 1-10.	" xvi.
Dec. 2 — 8	cxxxvii. cxxxviii.	" ii. 11 & iii.	" xvii.
" 9 — 15	cxl. cxli.	" ix.	" xviii.
" 16 — 22	cxliv.	" xxviii.	" xix.
" 23 — 29	cxlvii.	" xxxviii.	" xx.
" 30 — 31	xxxi. xxxix.	" xlii	" xxi.

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SECOND YEAR.—EVENING.

Sundays.	Psalms.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
Jan. 1 — 7	iii. iv.	Ezek. i. & ii.	Phil. i.
" 8 — 14	vii. viii.	" iii.	" ii.
" 15 — 21	x.	" viii. & ix.	" iii.
" 22 — 28	xiii. xiv.	" x.	" iv.
" 29 Feb. 4	xvii.	" xi.	Col. i.
Feb. 5 — 11	xviii. 30.	" xiv.	" ii.
" 12 — 18	xx. xxi.	" xvii.	" iii. & iv.
" 19 — 25	xxiii. xxiv.	" xx. 30	1 Thes. iv.
" 26 Mar. 3	xxvi. xxvii.	" xxiv.	" v.
Mar. 4 — 10	xxx. xxxi.	" xxvi.	2 Thes. ii.
" 11 — 17	xxxiv.	" xxvii. or xxviii.	" iii.
" 18 — 24	xxxvi.	" xxxiii. 1-20	1 Tim. ii. & iii. or iv.
" 25 — 31	xxxviii.	" xxxiv.	" vi.
April 1 — 7	xli.	" xxxvi. 19	2 Tim. ii. or iii.
" 8 — 14	xliv.	" xxxvii.	Titus ii. or iii.
" 15 — 21	xlvi.	" xxxix. 17	Philemon.
" 22 — 28	xlix.	" xliii. & xliv. 1-4.	Heb. i.
" 29 May 5	li.	" xlvii. 1-12	" ii.
May 6 — 12	liv. lv.	Dan. i.	" iii.
" 13 — 19	lviii. lix.	" ii.	" iv.
" 20 — 26	lxii. lxiii.	" iii.	" viii.
" 27 June 2	lxvi. lxvii.	" iv.	" ix.
June 3 — 9	lxix.	" v.	" x.
" 10 — 16	lxxii.	" vi.	" xi.
" 17 — 23	lxxiv.	" vii.	" xii.
" 24 — 30	lxxvii.	" viii.	" xiii.
July 1 — 7	lxxviii. 32.	" ix.	James i.
" 8 — 14	lxxx. lxxxi.	" x.	" ii.
" 15 — 21	lxxxiv. lxxxv.	" xi. 36 & xii.	" iii. or iv.
" 22 — 28	lxxxvii. lxxxviii.	Hosea v. 8 & vi. 1-6	" v.
" 29 Aug. 4	xc.	" x. 12 & xi.	1 Peter i.
Aug. 5 — 11	xciii. xciv.	" xiii. 9 & xiv.	" ii.
" 12 — 18	xcvii. xcviii.	Joel ii. 12.	" iii.
" 19 — 25	cii.	" iii. 9.	" iv. & v.
" 26 Sept. 1	civ.	Amos v. 1-17	2 Peter i.
Sept. 2 — 8	cvi.	Obad.	" iii.
" 9 — 15	cviii. cix.	Jonah i. & ii.	1 John i. & ii. 1-6.
" 16 — 22	cxii. cxiii.	Mic. iv. or v.	" iii.
" 23 — 29	cxvi. cxvii.	" vii.	" iv.
" 30 Oct. 6	cxix. 1-16.	Nah. i.	" v.
Oct. 7 — 13	cxix. 41-56	Hab. ii. 1-14	2 John.
" 14 — 20	cxix. 81-96	Zeph. i. or ii.	3 John.
" 21 — 27	cxix. 121-136	Hag. i. & ii. 1-9	Jude.
" 28 Nov. 3	cxix. 161-176	Zech. i.	Rev. i.
Nov. 4 — 10	cxxiii. cxxiv. cxxv.	" ii.	" ii.
" 11 — 17	cxxviii. cxxix.	" viii. 1-17	" iii.
" 18 — 24	cxxxii. cxxxiii.	" x.	" iv. & v.
" 25 Dec. 1	cxxxvi.	" xi.	" vi. or vii.
Dec. 2 — 8	cxxxix.	" xii. & xiii.	" xiv.
" 9 — 15	cxlii. cxliii.	" xiv.	" xviii. & xix. 1-10.
" 16 — 22	cxlv. cxlvi.	Mal. i.	" xx.
" 23 — 29	cxlviii. cxlix. cl.	" ii.	" xxi.
" 30 — 31	cii.	" iii. & iv.	" xxii.

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ALTERNATIVE TABLE.—MORNING.

Sundays.	Psalms.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
Jan. 1 — 7	i. ii.	Gen. i.	John i. 1-18.
" 8 — 14	v. vi.	" ii.	Luke i. 26-56.
" 15 — 21	ix.	" iii.	Matt. i.
" 22 — 28	xi. xii.	" vi.	Luke ii. 1-20.
" 29 Feb. 4	xv. xvi.	" vii.	Matt. ii.
Feb. 5 — 11	xviii. 1-29	" viii.	John i. 19.
" 12 — 18	xix.	" ix. 1-19	Matt. iii.
" 19 — 25	xxii.	" xii.	John iii. 1-21.
" 26 Mar. 3	xxv.	" xxii.	" iv. 1-26.
Mar. 4 — 10	xxviii. xxix.	" xxviii.	Luke iv. 16-37.
" 11 — 17	xxxii. xxxiii.	" xxxvii. 1-28	" v. 1-26.
" 18 — 24	xxxv.	" xlii. 1-28	John v. 19.
" 25 — 31	xxxvii.	" xliii.	Matt. iv.
April 1 — 7	xxxix. xl.	" xlv.	" v. 1-20.
" 8 — 14	xlii. xliii.	" xlvi. 1-7, 28-34 & xlvii. 1-12	" vi. 1-18.
" 15 — 21	xlv.	" xlviii.	" vi. 19.
" 22 — 28	xlvii. xlviii.	" xlix.	" vii.
" 29 May 5	l.	Ex. ii.	" xi.
May 6 — 12	lii. liii.	" iii.	" xii. 1-21.
" 13 — 19	lvi. lvii.	" v.	" xiii. 1-30.
" 20 — 26	lx. lxi.	" xii. 1-36	" xiii. 31.
" 27 June 2	lxiv. lxv.	" xiv.	" ix. 18.
June 3 — 9	lxviii.	" xv.	" x. 1-20.
" 10 — 16	lxx. lxxi.	" xvi. 1-19	" xiv. 14.
" 17 — 23	lxxiii.	" xx. 1-23	John vi. 35-59.
" 24 — 30	lxxv. lxxvi.	Deut. i. 19	Matt. xvi.
July 1 — 7	lxxviii. 1-31	" iv. 23-40	" xvii. 1-21.
" 8 — 14	lxxix.	" ix.	" xviii. 1-20.
" 15 — 21	lxxxii. lxxxiii.	" xviii	Luke x. 1-24.
" 22 — 28	lxxxvi.	" xxxiii.	John vii. 14-31.
" 29 Aug. 4	lxxxix.	Josh. iii.	" vii. 32-52.
Aug. 5 — 11	xci. xcii.	" vii.	Luke x. 25.
" 12 — 18	xcv. xcvi.	" xxiv. 1-25	" xi. 1-13.
" 19 — 25	xcix. c. ci.	Judges ii	" xii. 1-21.
" 26 Sept. 1	ciii.	Ruth i.	" xii. 22-48.
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" 9 — 15	cvii.	" xii.	" x. 1-18.
" 16 — 22	cx. cxi.	" xv. 1-23	" xi. 19-46.
" 23 — 29	cxiv. cxv.	" xvi. 1-13	" xii. 12-36.
" 30 Oct. 6	cxviii.	2 Sam. vii.	" xiii.
Oct. 7 — 13	cxix. 17-40	" xii. 1-23	" xiv.
" 14 — 20	cxix. 57-80	1 Kings iii. 1-15	" xv.
" 21 — 27	cxix. 97-120	" vi. 11	" xvi.
" 28 Nov. 3	cxix. 137-160	" ix. 1-14	" xvii.
Nov. 4 — 10	cxx. cxxi. cxxii.	" xvii.	" xviii. 1-27.
" 11 — 17	cxxvi. cxxvii.	" xviii. 17	Luke xxiii. 1-25.
" 18 — 24	cxxx. cxxxi.	" xix.	" xxiii. 26-49.
" 25 Dec. 1	cxxxiv. cxxxv.	2 Kings ii.	John xix. 25.
Dec. 2 — 8	cxxxvii. cxxxviii.	" v. 1-19	" xx. 1-18.
" 9 — 15	cxl. cxli.	2 Chron. xxxvi. 1-21	Luke xxiv. 13-35.
" 16 — 22	cxliv.	Neh. viii.	John xx. 19.
" 23 — 29	cxlvii.	Job i.	" xxi.
" 30 — 31	xc. xci.	" xlii.	Acts i. 1-14.

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" 8 — 14	vii. viii.	" ii.	" ii. 22.
" 15 — 21	x.	" v. 1-17	" vi.
" 22 — 28	xiii. xiv.	" vi.	" ix. 1-22.
" 29 Feb. 4	xvii.	" vii. 10	" xi. 1-18.
Feb. 5 — 11	xviii. 30	" ix.	" xvi. 14.
" 12 — 18	xx. xxi.	" xi.	" xxvi.
" 19 — 25	xxiii. xxiv.	" xxv.	Rom. i. 1-25.
" 26 Mar. 3	xxvi. xxvii.	" xxvi.	" iv.
Mar. 4 — 10	xxx. xxxi.	" xxxv.	" v.
" 11 — 17	xxxiv.	" xxxviii.	" vi.
" 18 — 24	xxxvi.	" xl.	" vii.
" 25 — 31	xxxviii.	" xli.	" viii.
April 1 — 7	xli.	" xlii.	" xii.
" 8 — 14	xliv.	" xliii.	" xv. 1-13.
" 15 — 21	xlvi.	" xliv.	1 Cor. i. 1-25.
" 22 — 28	xlix.	" xlv.	" ii.
" 29 May 5	li.	" xlviii.	" iii.
May 6 — 12	liv. lv.	" xlix.	" xii.
" 13 — 19	lviii. lix.	" li.	" xiii.
" 20 — 26	lxii. lxiii.	" lii.	" xiv. 1-20.
" 27 June 2	lxvi. lxvii.	" liii.	" xv. 1-20.
June 3 — 9	lxix.	" liv.	" xv. 21.
" 10 — 16	lxxii.	" lv.	2 Cor. iv.
" 17 — 23	lxxiv.	" lviii.	" v.
" 24 — 30	lxxvii.	" lix.	" vi.
July 1 — 7	lxxviii. 32.	" lx.	Gal. iii.
" 8 — 14	lxxx. lxxxi.	" lxi.	Eph. i.
" 15 — 21	lxxxiv. lxxxv.	" lxii.	" ii.
" 22 — 28	lxxxvii. lxxxviii.	" lxiii.	" iii.
" 29 Aug. 4	xc.	" lxiv.	" iv.
Aug. 5 — 11	xciii. xciv.	" lxv.	" v.
" 12 — 18	xcvii. xcviii.	Jer. xiv. 7	Phil. ii. 1-18.
" 19 — 25	cii.	" xvii. 5.	Col. iii.
" 26 Sept. 1	civ.	" xxxi. 1-20	1 Thes. v.
Sept. 2 — 8	cvi.	" xxxiii. 1-16	2 Thes. ii.
" 9 — 15	cviii. cix.	Lam. iii. 22-59	Heb. i.
" 16 — 22	cxii. cxiii.	Ezek. i.	" ii.
" 23 — 29	cxvi. cxvii.	" x.	" iii.
" 30 Oct. 6	cxix. 1-16.	" xxxiii. 1-20	" iv.
Oct. 7 — 13	cxix. 41-56	" xxxiv. 11	" x.
" 14 — 20	cxix. 81-96	" xxxvii. 1-14	" xi.
" 21 — 27	cxix. 121-136	" xliii. 1-12	" xii.
" 28 Nov. 3	cxix. 161-176	" xlvii. 1-12	James ii.
Nov. 4 — 10	cxxiii. cxxiv. cxxv.	Dan. iii.	1 Peter ii.
" 11 — 17	cxxviii. cxxix.	" vi.	1 John v.
" 18 — 24	cxxxii. cxxxiii.	" ix.	Rev. i.
" 25 Dec. 1	cxxxvi.	Amos. v. 1-15	" iii.
Dec. 2 — 8	cxxxix.	Mic. iv.	" v.
" 9 — 15	cxlii. cxliii.	" vi.	" xix.
" 16 — 22	cxlv. cxlvi.	Hab. iii.	" xx.
" 23 — 29	cxlviii. cxlix. cl.	Zech. xiii.	" xxi.
" 30 — 31	ciii.	Mal. iii.	" xxii.

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Special Services

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	Psalms.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
Christmas Day.					
Morning..	xlv. lxxxv.....	Isaiah	ix. 1-7.....	Luke	ii. 1-20.
Evening..	lxxxix. cx. cxxxii.	"	xi. & xii....	John	i. 1-18 or Heb. i. 1-12.
Good Friday.*					
Morning..	xxii. xl.	Gen.	xxii. 1-19, or Lev. xvi.	John	xix. 1-37.
Evening..	lxix. lxxxviii.....	Isaiah	lii. 13, & liii.	Matt.	xxvii. 45, or Heb. x. 1-25.
Easter Sunday.†					
Morning..	ii. cx. cxi.	Exod.	xii. 1-28....	John	xx.
Evening..	cxiii. cxiv. cxviii.	"	xiv.....	Luke	xxiv. 1-35, or Rev. i.
Ascension Day.					
Morning..	xx. xxi. xlv.	Exod.	xxiv.	Acts	i. 1-11.
Evening..	viii. xxiv. xlvii. ..	2 Kings	ii.....	Heb.	iv.
Whit-Sunday.‡					
Morning..	xlviii. lxviii.....	Deut.	xvi. 1-17, or Isa. lx.	Acts	ii.
Evening..	civ. cxlv.	Isaiah	lxi.....	"	x. 34, or Eph. iv. 1-16.

* *Preparatory Services.*

1. Morning..	cxxv. cxxvi.....	Zech.	ix. 9.....	Luke	xix. 29.
Evening..	cxxix. cxxx.....	"	xi.....	Philip.	ii. 1-11.
2. Morning..	cxix. 1-16.....	Isaiah	lxiii.....	Matt.	xxi. 18-27.
Evening..	cxix. 17-40.....	Lam.	i. 1-14.....	"	xxii.
3. Morning..	cxix. 41-64	"	iii. 1-23.....	"	xxiii.
Evening..	cxix. 65-88	"	iii. 24-41....	"	xxiv.
4. Morning..	cxix. 89-104.....	"	iii. 42.....	"	xxv.
Evening..	cxix. 105-128.....	Dan.	ix. 20.....	"	xxvi. 1-16.
5. Morning..	cxix. 129-152.....	Exod.	xxiv.	"	xxvi. 17.
Evening..	cxix. 153.....	Hosea	xiii. 1-14....	John	xvii.

† *Preparatory Services.*

Morning..	xxvii. iv.	Hosea	v. 8, & vi. 1-3.	Matt.	xxvii. 57.
Evening..	xvi. xxx.....	Isaiah	xxvi.	Rom.	vi. 1-13.

‡ *Preparatory Services.*

Morning..	lxii. lxiii.....	1 Kings	xviii. 17-39.	John	xiv. 15-29.
Evening..	lxxxiv. lxxxv.....	Joel	ii. 15.....	"	xv. 26 & xvi. 1-16.

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	Psalms.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
New Year's Day.					
Morning..	xcv. xcvi.....	Deut.	xi.....	Luke	xii. 13-48.
Evening..	xxiii. xxvii.....	1 Chron.	xxix. 1-25.....	1 Thes.	v.
Last Day of Year.					
Morning..	xc. ciii.....	Deut.	viii.....	Matt.	xxiv. 36.
Evening..	xxxix. xci.....	Eccl.	iii. 1-15.....	2 Peter	iii.
Thanksgiving for Harvest.					
Morning..	c. cxliv. cxlv.....	Deut.	viii. or xi.....	Matt.	xiii. 24-43.
Evening..	lxv. lxxxv. cxxvi..	"	xxvi. 1-11, or	John	vi. 26-40, or
		"	xxviii. 1-14....		2 Cor. ix. 6.
Thanksgiving for Victory & Peace.					
Morning..	xlvi. lxvi.....	Exod.	xv. 1-18.....	Rom.	xii.
Evening..	cxv. cxxiv.....	Isa.	xi. or Mic. iv.	Rev.	xxi.
Preparation for Holy Communion.*	xxiii. xxiv. xxvi...	Exod.	xii. 1-28.....	Matt.	v. 1-16, xxvi.
		"	xvi.....	"	xxvii.
		"	xix. 1-13.....	Mark	xiv. xv.
	xxxiv. xlii. xliii...	Josh.	xxiv. 14.....	Luke	xxii. xxiii.
	lxv. lxxxiv. lxxxix.	Isa.	liii. lv. lviii...	John	vi. xiii. xiv.
	ciii. cxvi. cxviii...	Mal.	iii.....	"	xv. xvi.
				"	xviii. xix.
				1 Cor.	x. 1-21, xi. 18.
				Heb.	ix. x. xii. 14.
Missionary Services.	ii. xlv. lxxii.....	Num.	i. 21.....	Matt.	xxviii.
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		"	lx. lxi. lxvi. 5.	John	xvii.
		Jer.	xxxiii.....	Rom.	x. xi.
		Ezek.	xxxvii.....	Eph.	iii.
		"	xxxix.....	Rev.	vii. xiv. xxi.
		Zech.	viii. 20, & ix.	"	xxii.
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		Prov.	iii. iv.....	Gal.	iii. 23, & iv. 1-7.
		Eccl.	xii.....	Eph.	vi.
				2 Tim.	iii.
Meeting of Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly.	lxviii. lxxxiv.....	Isa	lxi.....	John	x. 1-16, xiii. 1-17,
	cii. cxxii. cxxxiii...	Ezek.	iii. 10.....	"	xxi. 15.
		Mal.	ii. 1-7.....	Acts	xx. 17.
				1 Cor.	iii.
				2 Cor.	iv. vi.
				2 Tim.	i. ii. iv.
				1 Peter	iv.
				Rev.	ii. iii.

* In this and the following Services the Psalms and Lessons form a general list from which a selection is to be made.

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PSALMS FOR A MONTH.

Day.	Morning.			Evening.		
1	i	to	v	vi	to	viii.
2	ix	"	xi	xii	"	xiv.
3	xv	"	xvii	xviii.		
4	xix	"	xxi	xxii	"	xxiii.
5	xxiv	"	xxvi	xxvii	"	xxix.
6	xxx	"	xxxi	xxxii	"	xxxiv.
7	xxxv	"	xxxvi	xxxvii.		
8	xxxviii	"	xl	xli	"	xliii.
9	xliv	"	xlvi	xlvii	"	xlix.
10	l	"	lii	liii	"	lv.
11	lvi	"	lviii	lix	"	lxi.
12	lxii	"	lxiv	lxv	"	lxvii.
13	lxviii			lxix	"	lxx.
14	lxxi	to	lxxii	lxxiii	"	lxxiv.
15	lxxv	"	lxxvii	lxxviii.		
16	lxxix	"	lxxxi	lxxxii	"	lxxxv.
17	lxxxvi	"	lxxxviii	lxxxix.		
18	xc	"	xcii	xciii	"	xciv.
19	xcv	"	xcvii	xcviii	"	ci.
20	cii	"	ciii	civ.		
21	cv.			cvi.		
22	cvii			cviii	"	cix.
23	cx	to	cxiii	cxiv	"	cxv.
24	cxvi	"	cxviii	cxix 1–32.		
25	cxix 33–72			cxix 73–104.		
26	cxix 105–144			cxix 145–176.		
27	cxx	to	cxxv	cxxvi	to	cxxxi.
28	cxxxii	"	cxxxv	cxxxvi	"	cxxxviii.
29	cxxxix	"	cxli	cxlii	"	cxliii.
30	cxliv	"	cxlvi	cxlvii	"	cl.

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Daily Lessons for a Year

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MORNING.

Day.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
	JANUARY.	
1....	Genesis i. & ii., 1-3.....	Matt. i..
2....	" iii.	" ii.
3....	" v. 1-27.....	" iii.
4....	" vi. 9, & vii. 1-10.....	" iv. 1-22.
5 ...	" viii. 13, & ix. 1-19	" iv. 23, & v. 1-12.
6....	" xi. 27, & xii.....	" v. 13-26.
7....	" xiv.....	" v. 27, & vi. 1-18.
8....	" xvi.....	" vi. 19.
9....	" xviii.....	" vii.
10....	" xx.....	" viii. 1-17.
11....	" xxii. 1-19.....	" viii. 18.
12....	" xxiv. 1-28	" ix. 1-17.
13....	" xxv.....	" ix. 18.
14....	" xxvii. 1-40	" x. 1-23.
15....	" xxix. 1-20	" x. 24.
16....	" xxxi. 36.....	" xi.
17....	" xxxiii.....	" xii. 1-21.
18....	" xxxvii.....	" xii. 22.
19....	" xl.	" xiii. 1-23.
20....	" xli. 37	" xiii. 24-52.
21....	" xliii. 1-24.....	" xiii. 53, & xiv. 1-12.
22....	" xliv. 14.....	" xiv. 13.
23....	" xlvi. 26, & xlvii. 1-12..	" xv. 1-20.
24....	" xlvii. 27, & xlviii.....	" xv. 21.
25....	" l.....	" xvi. 1-23.
26....	Exodus ii.	" xvi. 24, & xvii. 1-13.
27....	" iv. 1-23.....	" xvii. 14.
28....	" vi. 1-13.....	" xviii. 1-20.
29....	" viii. 1-19.....	" xviii. 21.
30....	" ix. 13.....	" xix.
31....	" x. 21, & xi.	" xx. 1-16.
	FEBRUARY.	
1....	Exodus xii. 21-42.....	Matt. xx. 17.
2....	" xiii. 17, & xiv. 1-10...	" xxi. 1-22.
3....	" xv. 1-21.....	" xxi. 23.
4....	" xvi. 11.....	" xxii. 1-14.
5....	" xviii.....	" xxii. 15-40.
6....	" xx. 1-21.....	" xxii. 41, & xxiii. 1-12.
7....	" xxii. 21, & xxiii. 1-9..	" xxiii. 13.
8....	" xxiv.....	" xxiv. 1-28.
9....	" xxv. 23..:	" xxiv. 29.
10....	" xxvi. 31, & xxvii.	" xxv. 1-30.
11....	" xxix. 1-37.....	" xxv. 31.
12....	" xxx. 11.....	" xxvi. 1-30.
13....	" xxxii. 1-29.....	" xxvi. 31-56.
14....	" xxxiv.....	" xxvi. 57.
15....	" xxxv. 30, & xxxvi. 1-7.	" xxvii. 1-26.
16....	" xl. 1-16.....	" xxvii. 27-56.

February hath 28 Days; but in every Leap-Year 29 Days.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
	JANUARY.			
1....	Genesis	ii. 4.....	Acts	i.
2....	"	iv.....	"	ii. 1-21.
3....	"	v. 28, & vi. 1-8.....	"	ii. 22.
4....	"	vii. 11, & viii. 1-12....	"	iii.
5....	"	x. & xi. 1-9.....	"	iv. 1-31.
6....	"	xiii.....	"	iv. 32, & v. 1-16.
7....	"	xv.....	"	v. 17.
8....	"	xvii. 1-22.....	"	vi.
9....	"	xix. 12-29.....	"	vii. 1-34.
10....	"	xxi.....	"	vii. 35, & viii. 1-4.
11....	"	xxiii.....	"	viii. 5-25.
12....	"	xxiv. 29.....	"	viii. 26.
13....	"	xxvi.....	"	ix. 1-22.
14....	"	xxvii. 41, & xxviii.. ..	"	ix. 23.
15....	"	xxxi. 1-24.....	"	x. 1-24.
16....	"	xxxii.....	"	x. 24.
17....	"	xxxv. 1-20.....	"	xi.
18....	"	xxxix.....	"	xii.
19....	"	xli. 1-36.....	"	xiii. 1-13.
20....	"	xliii.....	"	xiii. 14-43.
21....	"	xliii. 25, & xliv. 1-13..	"	xiii. 44, & xiv. 1-7.
22....	"	xlv. & xlvi. 1-7.....	"	xiv. 8.
23....	"	xlvii. 13-26.....	"	xv. 1-35.
24....	"	xlix.....	"	xv. 36, & xvi. 1-15.
25....	Exodus	i.....	"	xvi. 16.
26....	"	iii.....	"	xvii. 1-15.
27....	"	iv. 27, & v.....	"	xvii. 16.
28....	"	vi. 28, & vii.....	"	xviii. 1-23.
29....	"	viii. 20, & ix. 1-12....	"	xviii. 24, & xix. 1-20.
30....	"	x. 1-20.....	"	xix. 21.
31....	"	xii. 1-20.....	"	xx. 1-16.
	FEBRUARY.			
1....	Exodus	xii. 43, & xiii. 1-16....	Acts	xx. 17.
2....	"	xiv. 10.....	"	xxi. 1-16.
3....	"	xv. 22, & xvi. 1-10....	"	xxi. 17-36.
4....	"	xvii.....	"	xxi. 37, & xxii. 1-29.
5....	"	xix.....	"	xxii. 30, & xxiii. 1-11.
6....	"	xxi. 1-17.....	"	xxiii. 12.
7....	"	xxiii. 10.....	"	xxiv.
8....	"	xxv. 1-22	"	xxv.
9....	"	xxvi. 1-30.....	"	xxvi.
10....	"	xxviii. 1-38.....	"	xxvii. 1-17.
11....	"	xxix. 38, & xxx. 1-10..	"	xxvii. 18.
12....	"	xxxi.....	"	xxviii. 1-16.
13....	"	xxxii. 30, & xxxiii.....	"	xxviii. 17.
14....	"	xxxv. 1-29.....	Rom.	i. 1-17.
15....	"	xxxix. 32.....	"	i. 18.
16....	"	xl. 17.....	"	ii. 1-16.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
17....	Levit.	i.....	Matt.	xxvii. 57, & xxviii.
18....	"	iii.....	Mark	i. 1-20.
19....	"	v. & vi. 1-7....	"	i. 21.
20....	"	vii. 1-27.....	"	ii. 1-22.
21....	"	viii. 13.....	"	ii. 23, & iii. 1-12.
22....	"	ix. 22, & x.....	"	iii. 13.
23....	"	xvi.....	"	iv. 1-20.
24....	"	xix. 1-18.....	"	iv. 21-34.
25....	"	xxiii. 1-20.....	"	iv. 35, & v. 1-20.
26....	"	xxiv. 1-16.....	"	v. 21.
27....	"	xxv. 18-43.....	"	vi. 1-13.
28....	"	xxvi. 21.....	"	vi. 14-29.
29....	Num.	i. 47, & ii. 1-17.....	"	vi. 30.

MARCH.

1....	Num.	iv. 46, & v. 1-10.....	Mark	vii. 1-23.
2....	"	ix. 15, & x. 1-10.....	"	vii. 24, & viii. 1-9.
3....	"	xi. 1-23.....	"	viii. 10, & ix. 1.
4....	"	xii.....	"	ix. 2-29.
5....	"	xiv. 1-25.....	"	ix. 30.
6....	"	xvi. 1-22.....	"	x. 1-31.
7....	"	xvii. & xviii. 1-27.....	"	x. 32.
8....	"	xxi.....	"	xi. 1-26.
9....	"	xxii. 36, & xxiii.....	"	xi. 27, & xii. 1-12.
10....	"	xxv.....	"	xii. 13-34.
11....	"	xxxiii. 50, & xxxiv. 1-15	"	xii. 35, & xiii. 1-13.
12....	Deut.	i. 1-18.....	"	xiii. 14.
13....	"	ii.....	"	xiv. 1-26.
14....	"	iv. 1-24.....	"	xiv. 27-52.
15....	"	v.....	"	xiv. 53.
16....	"	vii.....	"	xv. 1-41.
17....	"	ix. & x. 1-10.....	"	xv. 42, & xvi.
18....	"	xi. 18.....	Luke	i. 1-25.
19....	"	xiii.....	"	i. 26-56.
20....	"	xvi. 1-17.....	"	i. 57.
21....	"	xviii.....	"	ii. 1-20.
22....	"	xxi. 22, & xxii. 1-7....	"	ii. 21-38.
23....	"	xxvi.....	"	ii. 39.
24....	"	xxviii. 1-14.....	"	iii. 1-22.
25....	"	xxviii. 47.....	"	iv. 1-30.
26....	"	xxx.....	"	iv. 31, & v. 1-11.
27....	"	xxxii. 1-43.....	"	v. 12.
28....	"	xxxiv.....	"	vi. 1-19.
29....	Joshua	ii.....	"	vi. 20.
30....	"	iv.....	"	vii. 1-23.
31....	"	vii.....	"	vii. 24.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
17....	Levit.	ii.	Rom.	ii. 17.
18....	"	iv.	"	iii.
19....	"	vi. 8	"	iv.
20....	"	vii. 28, & viii. 1-12	"	v.
21....	"	ix. 1-21	"	vi.
22....	"	xiv. 1-32	"	vii.
23....	"	xvii. 1-12	"	viii. 1-17.
24....	"	xix. 30, & xx. 1-8	"	viii. 18.
25....	"	xxiii. 21	"	ix. 1-18.
26....	"	xxv. 1-17	"	ix. 19.
27....	"	xxvi. 1-20	"	x.
28....	"	xxvii.	"	xi. 1-24.
29....	"	iii. 1-13	"	xi. 25, & xii.

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1....	Num.	vi.	Rom.	xiii.
2....	"	x. 11	"	xiv., & xv. 1-7.
3....	"	xi. 24	"	xv. 8.
4....	"	xiii.	"	xvi.
5....	"	xiv. 26	1 Cor.	i. 1-25.
6....	"	xvi. 23	"	i. 26, & ii.
7....	"	xx.	"	iii.
8....	"	xxii. 1-35	"	iv. 1-17.
9....	"	xxiv.	"	iv. 18, & v.
10....	"	xxvii.	"	vi.
11....	"	xxxv. 9-33	"	vii. 1-24.
12....	Deut.	i. 19	"	vii. 25.
13....	"	iii.	"	viii.
14....	"	iv. 25-40	"	ix.
15....	"	vi.	"	x.
16....	"	viii.	"	xi.
17....	"	x. 11, & xi. 1-17	"	xii. 1-27.
18....	"	xii.	"	xii. 28, & xiii.
19....	"	xiv. 22, & xv. 1-15	"	xiv. 1-19.
20....	"	xvii. 8	"	xiv. 20.
21....	"	xx.	"	xv. 1-34.
22....	"	xxiv. 8	"	xv. 35.
23....	"	xxvii.	"	xvi.
24....	"	xxviii. 15-46	2 Cor.	i.
25....	"	xxix.	"	ii.
26....	"	xxxi.	"	iii.
27....	"	xxxii. 44, & xxxiii.	"	iv.
28....	Joshua	i.	"	v.
29....	"	iii.	"	vi.
30....	"	v. 13, & vi.	"	vii.
31....	"	viii. 1-29	"	viii.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
	APRIL.			
1....	Joshua	ix.	Luke	viii. 1-25.
2....	"	xiv.	"	viii. 26.
3....	"	xviii. 1-10	"	ix. 1-27.
4....	"	xxii. 11	"	ix. 28-50.
5....	"	xxiv.	"	ix. 51, & x. 1-16.
6....	Judges	iii. 1-11	"	x. 17.
7....	"	v.	"	xi. 1-28.
8....	"	vi. 24	"	xi. 29.
9....	"	viii. 32, & ix. 1-24	"	xii. 1-34.
10....	"	xi. 1-28	"	xii. 35.
11....	"	xiii.	"	xiii. 1-17.
12....	"	xv.	"	xiii. 18.
13....	Ruth	i.	"	xiv. 1-24.
14....	"	iii.	"	xiv. 25, & xv. 1-10.
15....	1 Samuel	i.	"	xv. 11.
16....	"	ii. 21	"	xvi.
17....	"	iv.	"	xvii. 1-19.
18....	"	vi.	"	xvii. 20.
19....	"	viii.	"	xviii. 1-30.
20....	"	x.	"	xviii. 31, & xix. 1-10.
21....	"	xii.	"	xix. 11-27.
22....	"	xiv. 1-23	"	xix. 28.
23....	"	xv.	"	xx. 1-26.
24....	"	xvii. 1-30	"	xx. 27, & xxi. 1-4.
25....	"	xvii. 55, & xviii. 1-16	"	xxi. 5.
26....	"	xx. 1-17	"	xxii. 1-30.
27....	"	xxi.	"	xxii. 31-53.
28....	"	xxiii.	"	xxii. 54, & xxiii. 1-25.
29....	"	xxvi.	"	xxiii. 26-49.
30....	"	xxx. 1-25	"	xxiii. 50, & xxiv. 1-12.
	MAY.			
1....	2 Samuel	i.	Luke	xxiv. 13-43.
2....	"	iv.	"	xxiv. 44.
3....	"	vii.	John	i. 1-28.
4....	"	xi.	"	i. 29.
5....	"	xiv. 1-25	"	ii.
6....	"	xv. 32, & xvi. 1-14	"	iii. 1-21.
7....	"	xvii. 24, & xviii. 1-17	"	iii. 22.
8....	"	xix. 9-23	"	iv. 1-30.
9....	"	xxi. 1-14	"	iv. 31.
10....	"	xxiv.	"	v. 1-23.
11....	1 Kings	i. 28	"	v. 24.
12....	"	iv. 20	"	vi. 1-21.
13....	"	vi.	"	vi. 22-40.
14....	"	viii. 1-21	"	vi. 41.
15....	"	viii. 54, & ix. 1-9	"	vii. 1-24.
16....	"	xi. 1-25	"	vii. 25.

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Day.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
	APRIL.	
1....	Joshua x. 1-15.....	2 Cor. ix.
2....	" xv. 1-19.....	" x.
3....	" xxi. 43, & xxii. 1-10..	" xi. 1-29.
4....	" xxiii.	" xi. 30, & xii. 1-13.
5....	Judges ii.....	" xii. 14, & xiii.
6....	" iv.	Gal. i.
7....	" vi. 1-23.....	" ii.
8....	" vii.....	" iii.
9....	" x.....	" iv. 1-20.
10....	" xi. 29, & xii. 1-7	" iv. 21, & v. 1-12.
11....	" xiv.	" v. 13.
12....	" xvi.	" vi.
13....	Ruth ii.....	Eph. i. 1-14.
14....	" iv.	" i. 15, & ii. 1-10.
15....	1 Samuel ii. 1-20.....	" ii. 11.
16....	" iii.	" iii.
17....	" v.	" iv. 1-16.
18....	" vii.....	" iv. 17, & v. 1-14.
19....	" ix.	" v. 15, & vi. 1-9.
20....	" xi.	" vi. 10.
21....	" xiii.	Philip. i.
22....	" xiv. 24.....	" ii.
23....	" xvi.....	" iii.
24....	" xvii. 31-54.....	" iv.
25....	" xix.....	Colos. i. 1-20.
26....	" xx. 18.....	" i. 21, & ii. 1-7.
27....	" xxii.....	" ii. 8.
28....	" xxiv. & xxv. 1.....	" iii. 1-17.
29....	" xxviii.....	" iii. 18, & iv. 1-6.
30....	" xxxi.....	" iv. 7.
	MAY.	
1....	2 Samuel iii. 17.....	1 Thess. i.
2....	" vi.	" ii.
3....	" ix.	" iii.
4....	" xii. 1-23.....	" iv.
5....	" xv. 1-31.....	" v.
6....	" xvi. 15, & xvii. 1-23..	2 Thess. i.
7....	" xviii. 18, & xix. 1-8...	" ii.
8....	" xix. 24	" iii.
9....	" xxiii. 1-23.....	1 Tim. i.
10....	1 Kings i. 1-27.....	" ii.
11....	" iii.	" iii.
12....	" v.	" iv.
13....	" vii.	" v.
14....	" viii. 22-53.....	" vi.
15....	" x.	2 Tim. i.
16....	" xi. 26.....	" ii.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
17....	1 Kings	xii. 1-24.....	John	viii. 1-30.
18....	"	xiii. 11.....	"	viii. 31.
19....	"	xv. 1-24.....	"	ix. 1-38.
20....	"	xvi. 8.....	"	ix. 39, & x. 1-21.
21....	"	xviii. 1-16.....	"	x. 22.
22....	"	xix.	"	xi. 1-46.
23....	"	xx. 27.....	"	xi. 47, & xii. 1-19.
24....	"	xxii. 1-40.....	"	xii. 20.
25....	2 Kings	ii.	"	xiii. 1-20.
26....	"	iv.	"	xiii. 21.
27....	"	vi.	"	xiv.
28....	"	viii. 1-15.....	"	xv.
29....	"	x. 1-17.....	"	xvi. 1-15.
30....	"	xii.	"	xvi. 16.
31....	"	xiv.	"	xvii.

JUNE.

1....	2 Kings	xvii. 1-23.....	John	xviii. 1-27.
2....	"	xviii.	"	xviii. 28, & xix. 1-16.
3....	"	xix. 20.....	"	xix. 17.
4....	"	xxi.	"	xx.
5....	"	xxiii. 1-23.....	"	xxi.
6....	"	xxiv. 8, & xxv. 1-7....	Acts	i.
7....	1 Chron.	xiii.	"	ii. 1-21.
8....	"	xvi.	"	ii. 22.
9....	"	xxi.	"	iii.
10....	"	xxviii.....	"	iv. 1-31.
11....	2 Chron.	i.....	"	iv. 32, & v. 1-16.
12....	"	xiii.....	"	v. 17.
13....	"	xv.....	"	vi.
14....	"	xvii. 1-13.....	"	vii. 1-34.
15....	"	xx.	"	vii. 35, & viii. 1-4.
16....	"	xxii.	"	viii. 5-25.
17....	"	xxiv.....	"	viii. 26.
18....	"	xxvi. & xxvii.....	"	ix. 1-22.
19....	"	xxix. 1-19.....	"	ix. 23.
20....	"	xxx. & xxxi. 1.....	"	x. 1-23.
21....	"	xxxii.....	"	x. 24.
22....	"	xxxiv.....	"	xi.
23....	"	xxxvi.....	"	xii.
24....	Ezra	iv.	"	xiii. 1-13.
25....	"	vi.	"	xiii. 14-43.
26....	"	viii. 15.....	"	xiii. 44, & xiv. 1-7.
27....	"	x. 1-19.....	"	xiv. 8.
28....	Neh.	ii.	"	xv. 1-35.
29....	"	v.	"	xv. 36, & xvi. 1-15.
30....	"	viii.	"	xvi. 16.

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Day.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
17....	1 Kings xii. 25, & xiii. 1-10....	2 Tim. iii.
18....	" xiv. 1-20.....	" iv.
19....	" xv. 25, & xvi. 1-7.....	Titus i.
20....	" xvii.	" ii.
21....	" xviii. 17.....	" iii.
22....	" xx. 1-26.....	Philemon.
23....	" xxi.....	Hebrews i.
24....	2 Kings i.....	" ii.
25....	" iii.....	" iii.
26....	" v.....	" iv. & v.
27....	" vii.	" vi.
28....	" ix.....	" vii.
29....	" x. 18	" viii.
30....	" xiii.	" ix.
31....	" xvi.	" x. 1-18.

JUNE.

1....	2 Kings xvii. 24.....	Hebrews x. 19.
2....	" xix. 1-19.....	" xi. 1-16.
3....	" xx.	" xi. 17.
4....	" xxii.	" xii.
5....	" xxiii. 24, & xxiv. 1-7..	" xiii.
6....	" xxv. 8	James i.
7....	1 Chron. xv.....	" ii.
8....	" xvii.	" iii.
9....	" xxii. & xxiii. 1.....	" iv.
10....	" xxix.....	" v.
11....	2 Chron. xii.....	1 Peter i. 1-21.
12....	" xiv.....	" i. 22, & ii. 1-10.
13....	" xvi.....	" ii. 11, & iii. 1-7.
14....	" xix.....	" iii. 8.
15....	" xxi.....	" iv.
16....	" xxiii.....	" v.
17....	" xxv.....	2 Peter i.
18....	" xxviii.	" ii.
19....	" xxix. 20.....	" iii.
20....	" xxxi. 2	1 John i.
21....	" xxxiii.....	" ii. 1-14.
22....	" xxxv.	" ii. 15.
23....	Ezra i. & iii.....	" iii. 1-15.
24....	" v.	" iii. 16, & iv. 1-6.
25....	" vii.	" iv. 7.
26....	" ix.	" v.
27....	Neh. i.....	2 John.
28....	" iv.	3 John.
29....	" vi. & vii. 1-4.	Jude.
30....	ix.	Rev. i.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
	JULY.			
1....	Neh.	x. 28.....	Acts	xvii. 1-15.
2....	"	xiii. 15.....	"	xvii. 16.
3....	Esther	ii. 15, & iii.....	"	xviii. 1-23.
4....	"	v. 9, & vi.....	"	xviii. 24, & xix. 1-20.
5....	"	viii. 3.....	"	xix. 21.
6....	Job	i.....	"	xx. 1-16.
7....	"	iii.....	"	xx. 17.
8....	"	v.....	"	xxi. 1-16.
9....	"	vii.....	"	xxi. 17-36.
10....	"	ix.....	"	xxi. 37, & xxii. 1-29.
11....	"	xi.....	"	xxii. 30, & xxiii. 1-11.
12....	"	xiii.....	"	xxiii. 12.
13....	"	xv. 1-13, & xvi.....	"	xxiv.
14....	"	xviii.....	"	xxv.
15....	"	xx.....	"	xxvi.
16....	"	xxii.....	"	xxvii. 1-17.
17....	"	xxiv.....	"	xxvii. 18.
18....	"	xxvii.....	"	xxviii. 1-16.
19....	"	xxix.....	"	xxviii. 17.
20....	"	xxxi. 13.....	Romans	i. 1-17.
21....	"	xxxiii.....	"	i. 18.
22....	"	xxxvi.....	"	ii. 1-16.
23....	"	xxxix.....	"	ii. 17.
24....	"	xli.....	"	iii.
25....	Proverbs	i. 1-19.....	"	iv.
26....	"	ii.....	"	v.
27....	"	iv.....	"	vi.
28....	"	vi. 1-19.....	"	vii.
29....	"	viii.....	"	viii. 1-17.
30....	"	x.....	"	viii. 18.
31....	"	xii.....	"	ix. 1-18.
	AUGUST.			
1....	Proverbs	xiv. 1-17.....	Romans	ix. 19.
2....	"	xv. 1-18.....	"	x.
3....	"	xvi.....	"	xi. 1-24.
4....	"	xvii. 15.....	"	xi. 25.
5....	"	xix.....	"	xii.
6....	"	xxi. 1-16.....	"	xiii.
7....	"	xxii. 1-16.....	"	xiv. & xv. 1-7.
8....	"	xxiii. 10.....	"	xv. 8.
9....	"	xxv.....	"	xvi.
10....	"	xxvii.....	1 Cor.	i. 1-25.
11....	"	xxviii. 14.....	"	i. 26, & ii.
12....	"	xxx. 1-17.....	"	iii.
13....	Eccles.	i.....	"	iv. 1-17.
14....	"	iii.....	"	iv. 18, & v.
15....	"	v.....	"	vi.
16....	"	vii.....	"	vii. 1-24.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
	JULY.			
1....	Neh.	xii. 44, & xiii. 1-14....	Rev.	ii. 1-17.
2....	Esther	i.....	"	ii. 18, & iii. 1-6.
3....	"	iv. & v. 1-8.....	"	iii. 7.
4....	"	vii. & viii. 1, 2.....	"	iv.
5....	"	ix. & x.	"	v.
6....	Job	ii.	"	vi.
7....	"	iv.	"	vii.
8....	"	vi.	"	viii.
9....	"	viii.....	"	ix. 1-11.
10....	"	x.....	"	ix. 12.
11....	"	xii.	"	x.
12....	"	xiv.	"	xi.
13....	"	xvii.	"	xii.
14....	"	xix.	"	xiii.
15....	"	xxi.	"	xiv.
16....	"	xxiii.....	"	xv.
17....	"	xxv. & xxvi.....	"	xvi.
18....	"	xxviii.....	"	xvii.
19....	"	xxx. 12-26.....	"	xviii.
20....	"	xxxii.....	"	xix. 1-10.
21....	"	xxxiv.	"	xix. 11.
22....	"	xxxviii.	"	xx.
23....	"	xl.	"	xxi. 1-14.
24....	"	xlii.	"	xxi. 15.
25....	Proverbs	i. 20.....	"	xxii.
26....	"	iii.	Matt.	i.
27....	"	v.	"	ii.
28....	"	vii.	"	iii.
29....	"	ix.	"	iv. 1-22.
30....	"	xi.	"	iv. 23, & v. 1-12.
31....	"	xiii.	"	v. 13-26.
	AUGUST.			
1....	Proverbs	xiv. 18	Matt.	v. 27, & vi. 1-18.
2....	"	xv. 19.....	"	vi. 19.
3....	"	xvii. 1-14.....	"	vii.
4....	"	xviii.....	"	viii. 1-17.
5....	"	xx.	"	viii. 18.
6....	"	xxi. 17	"	ix. 1-17.
7....	"	xxii. 17.....	"	ix. 18.
8....	"	xxiv.....	"	x. 1-23.
9....	"	xxvi.....	"	x. 24.
10....	"	xxviii. 1-13	"	xi.
11....	"	xxix.	"	xii. 1-21.
12....	"	xxxi. 10.....	"	xii. 22.
13....	Eccles.	ii.	"	xiii. 1-23.
14....	"	iv.	"	xiii. 24-52.
15....	"	vi.	"	xiii. 53, & xiv. 1-12.
16....	"	viii.	"	xiv. 13.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
17....	Eccles.	ix.....	1 Cor.	vii. 25.
18....	"	xi.....	"	viii.
19....	S. of Sol.	ii.....	"	ix.
20....	"	iv. 16, & v. 1-8.....	"	x.
21....	Isaiah	i.....	"	xi. 1-16.
22....	"	iii.....	"	xi. 17.
23....	"	v. 1-17.....	"	xii. 1-27.
24....	"	vi.....	"	xii. 28, & xiii.
25....	"	viii. 1-17.....	"	xiv. 1-19.
26....	"	ix. 8.....	"	xiv. 20.
27....	"	x. 20.....	"	xv. 1-34.
28....	"	xii.	"	xv. 35.
29....	"	xiv. 1-23.....	"	xvi.
30....	"	xvii.....	2 Cor.	i.
31....	"	xix. 1-15.....	"	ii.

SEPTEMBER.

1....	Isaiah	xxi. 1-12.....	2 Cor.	iii.
2....	"	xxii. 15.....	"	iv.
3....	"	xxiv.....	"	v.
4....	"	xxvi.....	"	vi.
5....	"	xxviii. 1-13.....	"	vii.
6....	"	xxix.....	"	viii.
7....	"	xxx. 18.....	"	ix.
8....	"	xxxii.....	"	x.
9....	"	xxxiv.....	"	xi. 1-29.
10....	"	xxxvi.....	"	xi. 30, & xii. 1-13.
11....	"	xxxvii. 21.....	"	xii. 14, & xiii.
12....	"	xxxix.....	Gal.	i.
13....	"	xli. 1-16.....	"	ii.
14....	"	xlii. 1-17.....	"	iii.
15....	"	xliii. 8.....	"	iv. 1-20.
16....	"	xliv. 21, & xlv. 1-8...	"	iv. 21, & v. 1-12.
17....	"	xlvi.	"	v. 13.
18....	"	xlviii.	"	vi.
19....	"	xlix. 13.....	Eph.	i. 1-14.
20....	"	li.	"	i. 15, & ii. 1-10.
21....	"	lii. 13, & liii.....	"	ii. 11.
22....	"	lv.	"	iii.
23....	"	lvii.	"	iv. 1-16.
24....	"	lix.....	"	iv. 17, & v. 1-14.
25....	"	lxi.	"	v. 15, & vi. 1-9.
26....	"	lxiii.	"	vi. 10.
27....	"	lxv. 8.....	Philip.	i.
28....	"	lxvi. 15.....	"	ii.
29....	Jeremiah	ii. 1-19.....	"	iii.
30....	"	iv. 5-18.....	"	iv.

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Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
17....	Eccles.	x.	Matt.	xv. 1-20.
18....	"	xii.	"	xv. 21.
19....	S. of Sol.	iii.	"	xvi. 1-23.
20....	"	viii.	"	xvi. 24, & xvii. 1-13.
21....	Isaiah	ii.	"	xvii. 14.
22....	"	iv. 2.	"	xviii. 1-20.
23....	"	v. 18	"	xviii. 21.
24....	"	vii. 1-16.	"	xix.
25....	"	viii. 18, & ix. 1-7	"	xx. 1-16.
26....	"	x. 1-19	"	xx. 17.
27....	"	xi.	"	xxi. 1-22.
28....	"	xiii.	"	xxi. 23.
29....	"	xiv. 24	"	xxii. 1-14.
30....	"	xviii.	"	xxii. 15-40.
31....	"	xix. 16	"	xxii. 41, & xxiii. 1-12.

SEPTEMBER.

1....	Isaiah	xxii. 1-14	Matt.	xxiii. 13.
2....	"	xxiii.	"	xxiv. 1-28.
3....	"	xxv.	"	xxiv. 29.
4....	"	xxvii.	"	xxv. 1-30.
5....	"	xxviii. 14	"	xxv. 31.
6....	"	xxx. 1-17.	"	xxvi. 1-30.
7....	"	xxxi.	"	xxvi. 31-56.
8....	"	xxxiii.	"	xxvi. 57.
9....	"	xxxv.	"	xxvii. 1-26.
10....	"	xxxvii. 1-20	"	xxvii. 27-56.
11....	"	xxxviii.	"	xxvii. 57, & xxviii.
12....	"	xl.	Mark	i. 1-20.
13....	"	xli. 17.	"	i. 21.
14....	"	xlii. 18, & xliii. 1-7	"	ii. 1-22.
15....	"	xliv. 1-20	"	ii. 23, & iii. 1-12.
16....	"	xlv. 9.	"	iii. 13.
17....	"	xlvii.	"	iv. 1-20.
18....	"	xlix. 1-12.	"	iv. 21-34.
19....	"	l.	"	iv. 35, & v. 1-20.
20....	"	lii. 1-12	"	v. 21.
21....	"	liv.	"	vi. 1-13.
22....	"	lvi.	"	vi. 14-29.
23....	"	lviii.	"	vi. 30.
24....	"	lx.	"	vii. 1-23.
25....	"	lxii.	"	vii. 24, & viii. 1-9.
26....	"	lxiv. & lxv. 1-7	"	viii. 10, & ix. 1.
27....	"	lxvi. 1-14	"	ix. 2-29.
28....	Jeremiah	i.	"	ix. 30.
29....	"	iii. 12	"	x. 1-31.
30....	"	iv. 21	"	x. 32.

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Day.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
	OCTOBER.	
1....	Jeremiah v. 1-18	Colos. i. 1-20.
2....	" vi. 1-21	" i. 21, & ii. 1-7.
3....	" vii. 17	" ii. 8.
4....	" ix.	" iii. 1-17.
5....	" x. 17	" iii. 18, & iv. 1-6.
6....	" xii.	" iv. 7.
7....	" xiv. 7	1 Thess. i.
8....	" xvi.	" ii.
9....	" xvii. 19	" iii.
10....	" xix.	" iv.
11....	" xxi.	" v.
12....	" xxii. 13	2 Thess. i.
13....	" xxiii. 16-32	" ii.
14....	" xxv. 1-14	" iii.
15....	" xxvi.	1 Tim. i.
16....	" xxviii.	" ii.
17....	" xxx.	" iii.
18....	" xxxi. 15-37	" iv.
19....	" xxxii. 26	" v.
20....	" xxxiii. 14	" vi.
21....	" xxxv.	2 Tim. i.
22....	" xxxvi. 14	" ii.
23....	" xxxviii. 7	" iii.
24....	" xl. & xli. 1-3	" iv.
25....	" xliii.	Titus i.
26....	" xliv. 15	" ii.
27....	" xlvi. 13	" iii.
28....	" xlviii. 1-13	Philemon.
29....	" l. 1-20	Hebrews i.
30....	" li. 1-10	" ii.
31....	" li. 27-40	" iii.
	NOVEMBER.	
1....	Jeremiah li. 54	Hebrews iv. & v.
2....	Lam. ii.	" vi.
3....	" iii. 34	" vii.
4....	Ezekiel i.	" viii.
5....	" iii. 15	" ix.
6....	" viii.	" x. 1-18.
7....	" x.	" x. 19.
8....	" xii.	" xi. 1-16.
9....	" xiv.	" xi. 17.
10....	" xvi. 44	" xii.
11....	" xviii.	" xiii.
12....	" xx. 18	James i.
13....	" xxii. 17	" ii.
14....	" xxvi.	" iii.
15....	" xxviii.	" iv.

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EVENING.

Day.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
	OCTOBER.	
1....	Jeremiah v. 19	Mark xi. 1-26.
2....	" vii. 1-16	" xi. 27, & xii. 1-12.
3....	" viii	" xii. 13-34.
4....	" x. 1-16	" xii. 35, & xiii. 1-13.
5....	" xi. 1-13	" xiii. 14.
6....	" xiii. 8-23	" xiv. 1-26.
7....	" xv	" xiv. 27-52.
8....	" xvii. 1-18	" xiv. 53.
9....	" xviii. 1-17	" xv. 1-41.
10....	" xx. 1-13	" xv. 42, & xvi.
11....	" xxii. 1-12	Luke i. 1-25.
12....	" xxiii. 1-15	" i. 26-56.
13....	" xxiv	" i. 57.
14....	" xxv. 30	" ii. 1-20.
15....	" xxvii.	" ii. 21-38.
16....	" xxix. 4-19	" ii. 39.
17....	" xxxi. 1-14	" iii. 1-22.
18....	" xxxii. 1-25	" iv. 1-30.
19....	" xxxiii. 1-13	" iv. 31, & v. 1-11.
20....	" xxxiv. 8	" v. 12.
21....	" xxxvi. 1-13	" vi. 1-19.
22....	" xxxvii. & xxxviii. 1-6.	" vi. 20.
23....	" xxxix	" vii. 1-23.
24....	" xli. 16, & xlii.	" vii. 24.
25....	" xliv. 1-14	" viii. 1-25.
26....	" xlv. & xlvi. 1-12	" viii. 26.
27....	" xlvii	" ix. 1-27.
28....	" xlix. 20	" ix. 28-50.
29....	" l. 21	" ix. 51, & x. 1-16.
30....	" li. 11-26	" x. 17.
31....	" li. 41-53	" xi. 1-28.
	NOVEMBER.	
1....	Lam. i. 1-14	Luke xi. 29.
2....	" iii. 1-33	" xii. 1-34.
3....	" iv. & v.	" xii. 35.
4....	Ezekiel ii. & iii. 1-14	" xiii. 1-17.
5....	" v. 5	" xiii. 18.
6....	" ix.	" xiv. 1-24.
7....	" xi.	" xiv. 25, & xv. 1-10.
8....	" xiii. 1-16	" xv. 11.
9....	" xv	" xvi.
10....	" xvii	" xvii. 1-19.
11....	" xx. 1-17	" xvii. 20.
12....	" xxi	" xviii. 1-30.
13....	" xxiv. 15	" xviii. 31, & xix. 1-10.
14....	" xxvii.	" xix. 11-27.
15....	" xxxi.	" xix. 28.

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MORNING.

Day.	First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
16....	Ezekiel xxxii. 1-16.....	James v.
17....	" xxxiii. 21.....	1 Peter i. 1-21.
18....	" xxxvi. 1-15.....	" i. 22, & ii. 1-10.
19....	" xxxvii.	" ii. 11, & iii. 1-7.
20....	" xxxix. 17.....	" iii. 8.
21....	" xl. 28.....	" iv.
22....	" xlii.....	" v.
23....	" xliv.....	2 Peter i.
24....	" xlvi.....	" ii.
25....	" xlviii.....	" iii.
26....	Daniel ii. 1-23.....	1 John i.
27....	" iii.	" ii. 1-14.
28....	" v.	" ii. 15.
29....	" vii.	" iii. 1-15.
30....	" ix.	" iii. 16, & iv. 1-6.

DECEMBER.

1....	Daniel xi. 1-34.....	1 John iv. 7.
2....	Hosea ii. 14.....	" v.
3....	" v. 8, & vi. 1-6.....	2 John.
4....	" ix.	3 John.
5....	" xi.	Jude.
6....	" xiv.....	Rev. i.
7....	Joel ii. 1-27.....	" ii. 1-17.
8....	Amos i.....	" ii. 18, & iii. 1-6.
9....	" iv.	" iii. 7
10....	" vi.	" iv.
11....	" viii.	" v.
12....	Obadiah.....	" vi.
13....	Jonah iii. & iv.	" vii.
14....	Micah ii.....	" viii.
15....	" iv. 9, & v.....	" ix. 1-11.
16....	" vii.....	" ix. 12.
17....	Nahum ii.....	" x.
18....	Habak. i.....	" xi.
19....	" iii.	" xii.
20....	Zeph. ii. 4.....	" xiii.
21....	Haggai i.....	" xiv.
22....	" ii. 10.....	" xv.
23....	Zech. i. 18, & ii.....	" xvi.
24....	" iv.	" xvii.
25....	" vi.	" xviii.
26....	" viii.....	" xix. 1-10.
27....	" x.	" xix. 11.
28....	" xii.....	" xx.
29....	" xiv.....	" xxi. 1-14.
30....	Malachi ii. 1-9.....	" xxi. 15.
31....	" iii. 1-12.....	" xxii.

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EVENING.

Day.	First Lesson.		Second Lesson.	
16....	Ezekiel	xxxiii. 1-20.....	Luke	xx. 1-26.
17....	"	xxxiv.....	"	xx. 27, & xxi. 1-4.
18....	"	xxxvi. 16.	"	xxi. 5.
19....	"	xxxviii. 14.....	"	xxii. 1-30.
20....	"	xl. 1-27.....	"	xxii. 31-53.
21....	"	xli.	"	xxii. 54, & xxiii. 1-25.
22....	"	xliii.	"	xxiii. 26-49.
23....	"	xlv.....	"	xxiii. 50, & xxiv. 1-12.
24....	"	xlvii. 1-12.....	"	xxiv. 13-43.
25....	Daniel	i.	"	xxiv. 44.
26....	"	ii. 24.....	John	i. 1-28.
27....	"	iv.	"	i. 29.
28....	"	vi.	"	ii.
29....	"	viii.....	"	iii. 1-21.
30....	"	x.	"	iii. 22.

DECEMBER.

1....	Daniel	xi. 35, & xii.....	John	iv. 1-30.
2....	Hosea	iii. 4, & iv. 1-12.....	"	iv. 31.
3....	"	vii. 8, & viii.	"	v. 1-23.
4....	"	x.	"	v. 24.
5....	"	xiii. 1-14.....	"	vi. 1-21.
6....	Joel	i.....	"	vi. 22-40.
7....	"	ii. 28, & iii.	"	vi. 41.
8....	Amos	ii. & iii. 1-8	"	vii. 1-24.
9....	"	v.	"	vii. 25.
10....	"	vii.	"	viii. 1-30.
11....	"	ix.	"	viii. 31.
12....	Jonah	i. & ii.	"	ix. 1-38.
13....	Micah	i. 1-9	"	ix. 39, & x. 1-21.
14....	"	iii. & iv. 1-8	"	x. 22.
15....	"	vi.	"	xi. 1-46.
16....	Nahum	i.	"	xi. 47, & xii. 1-19.
17....	"	iii.	"	xii. 20.
18....	Habak.	ii.	"	xiii. 1-20.
19....	Zeph.	i. & ii. 1-3.....	"	xiii. 21.
20....	"	iii.	"	xiv.
21....	Haggai	ii. 1-9.....	"	xv.
22....	Zech.	i. 1-17	"	xvi. 1-15.
23....	"	iii.	"	xvi. 16.
24....	"	v.	"	xvii.
25....	"	vii.	"	xviii. 1-27.
26....	"	ix.	"	xviii. 28.
27....	"	xi.	"	xix. 1-24.
28....	"	xiii.....	"	xix. 25.
29....	Malachi	i.	"	xx. 1-18.
30....	"	ii. 10.....	"	xx. 19.
31....	"	iii. 13, & iv.	"	xxi.

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THE

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE.

First Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

(*The Rubrics of the First Morning Service apply, likewise, to all the Services that follow for the Month.*)

At the entry of the officiating Minister, one of the invitatory Psalms may be sung; then the Minister says—

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast promised to hear us when we call upon Thee in the name of Thy Son, we beseech

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Thee to regard us in Thy mercy, as we are here assembled to offer unto Thee our praises and our prayers, and to hear Thy Word; and so to raise our thoughts and desires to Thyself, that we may render to Thee an acceptable service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Confession.

O Lord our God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thy holy majesty, that we are miserable sinners; born in iniquity, prone to evil; unable of ourselves to do that which is good; transgressing daily, and in many ways, Thy holy commandments, and by Thy just judgment deserving of condemnation and death.

But, O Lord, we are deeply grieved for having offended against Thee. We condemn both ourselves and our sins with unfeigned penitence. We seek refuge in Thy mercy, and humbly entreat Thee to help us in our misery.

Be pleased, O most gracious God, Father of mercies, to have compassion on us, and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, to pardon all our sins. Grant unto us also, and increase in us from day to day, the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that acknowledging and lamenting our iniquities, we may renounce them with our whole heart, and may bring forth the fruits of holiness and

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righteousness, which are well-pleasing in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Pardon and Peace.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that, according to the comforting assurance of Thy Word, Thou dost forgive the sins of all who truly repent, who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are resolved to walk in newness of life. Grant, we beseech Thee, to all such here present the full assurance of pardon and reconciliation, and the peace which passeth all understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Supplications.

Almighty God, who hast redeemed us to Thyself with the precious blood of Thy dear Son; grant that, being bought with such a price, we may live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

Deliver us from our sins; preserve us from every wicked thought, from pride, impiety, hypocrisy, and from everything that is contrary to Thy will.

Direct us always by Thy grace, O merciful God, and lead us continually by Thy Spirit.

Give us good and holy thoughts, pure, gentle, and peaceable dispositions, an entire resignation to Thy will, an ardent love to Thee, and a sincere charity towards all mankind.

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Wean our hearts from the vanity of this world, and give us grace to have them always lifted up to heaven where our treasure is; so that watching and praying without ceasing, and living in temperance, righteousness, and piety, we may pass our days in peace, waiting for the glorious return of our Saviour; and that when He shall come to judge the world, we may appear before Thee without confusion, and without fear.

Almighty God, our Father and Preserver, who of Thy goodness hast watched over us during the past night, and brought us to this day, strengthen and guard us by Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, that we may spend it wholly in Thy service, seeking Thy glory, and the salvation of our fellow-men. And even as thou sheddest the beams of the sun upon the earth to give light unto our bodies, so do Thou illuminate our souls with the brightness of Thy Spirit, to guide us in the paths of holy obedience.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

O God, hear us; reject not the supplications of Thy servants, but grant us the good things we have asked of Thee, and all others which are necessary for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord: to whom with Thee the Father and the Holy Ghost, be the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

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Here, and at the end of all the other Prayers, the Congregation say AMEN.

Then shall be said or sung a portion of the Psalter, ending with—

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Then shall be read a Lesson from the Old Testament, before which shall be said—

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in the book of , chapter , at the verse.

Then shall be sung a Psalm or Hymn, after which shall be read a Lesson from the New Testament, before which shall be said—

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in the book of , chapter , at the verse.

At the end of the Lesson shall be said—

The Lord bless to us the reading of his word, and to His name be the glory and praise.

Amen.

Then shall be sung a Psalm or Hymn, after which may be said by the Minister and people standing—

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II.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Then the Minister shall say—

Let us Pray.

The Thanksgiving.

O God, whose glory is great in all the Churches, and the praises of whose name resound in the assemblies of Thy saints. We, Thy servants, humble ourselves before Thee: we worship Thine infinite majesty; we celebrate Thy wisdom,

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power, and goodness, that shine forth in the works of creation and redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We bless Thee for all temporal and spiritual good that we continually receive at Thy bountiful hands; but more especially, with all Thy people assembled this day, we praise Thee that Thou didst send into the world Thy Son to save us; and having delivered Him for our offences, didst raise Him up again for our justification, and through His glorious resurrection hast given us the blessed hope of everlasting life.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

O Lord, may these our thanksgivings come up with acceptance before Thy throne. Make us worthy to have part in the resurrection of the just, and the glory of the kingdom of heaven, whither Jesus the Forerunner is for us entered; where now He lives and reigns, and is worshipped and glorified with Thee and the Holy Ghost, God blessed for ever.

For Illumination.

Most gracious God, in whom alone dwelleth all fulness of light and wisdom; illuminate our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of Thy Word. Give us grace to receive it with reverence, and humility,

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and faith unfeigned. Grant that it may lead us to put our whole trust in Thee alone, and so faithfully to serve Thee, that by our godly lives we may edify our brethren and glorify Thy holy name. And since it hath pleased Thee to number us among Thy people, do Thou help us to yield Thee the love and homage that we owe, as children to our Father, and as servants to our Lord. We ask this for the sake of our Master and Saviour who hath taught us thus to pray—

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Sermon is then preached, concluding with an Ascription of Praise; after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung.

If neither of the Sacraments is to be administered, the Minister then says—

Let us Pray.

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III.

Prayer after Sermon.

WE thank Thee, O Lord, that we have now been permitted to hear and meditate on Thy holy Word; and we beseech Thee that its lessons may be fixed in our memories, and impressed upon our hearts, and that they may bring forth in our lives the peaceable fruits of righteousness to the glory of Thy holy name.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to receive these our prayers, which we offer to Thy divine majesty.

Almighty God, King of saints, who hast chosen Zion for Thy habitation and Thy rest for ever; we beseech Thee on behalf of the Catholic Church, that it may please Thee to protect it everywhere, and to increase and sanctify it more and more; to remove the errors, scandals, and divisions which desolate it, and to reunite all

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Christians in the bonds of truth, piety, and peace.

We commend to Thee this parish, beseeching Thee to bless all that dwell therein, and to cause all the Christian graces to flourish among them.

And forasmuch as Thou willest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, grant that such as are still strangers to the knowledge of Thee, and sunk in the darkness of ignorance and error, may be illuminated by the light of Thy Gospel, and led into the way of salvation, which is to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

We pray Thee for all whom Thou hast appointed pastors and ministers in Thy Church. Animate them with Thy Spirit, that they may fulfil their ministry with fidelity and zeal, and labour effectually for the conversion and salvation of souls.

Send forth faithful labourers into Thy harvest; and give Thy grace to those who are preparing to serve Thee in the holy ministry; pour down the healthful influences of Thy Spirit upon all universities and schools of learning, and cause to reign in them that fear of Thee which is the beginning of wisdom.

We entreat Thee to bless all princes and governors, to whom Thou hast committed the administration of justice, and to grant them

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the daily increase of Thy good Spirit, that, with true faith acknowledging Thy Son, our Saviour, to be King of kings and Lord of lords, they may serve Thee, exalt Thy rule in their dominions, and so govern their subjects that Thy people everywhere, being kept in peace and quietness, may serve Thee in all godliness and honesty.

Especially we beseech Thee to bless her most sacred Majesty Queen Victoria, and to give her grace so to execute her office that religion may be maintained, manners reformed, and sin punished, according to Thy Word.

Cause Thy blessing to rest also upon Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family.

Grant a spirit of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord to the Queen's counsellors, to the nobles, rulers, and judges of the realm [and to the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled] [and to the magistrates of this town]; preside in their councils, and so direct all their deliberations that they may promote Thy glory and the public good.

We pray for the prosperity of the Empire and all its dependencies; for favourable weather, plenteous harvests, and peaceful times; for a blessing on our fleets and armies, our trade and commerce, and upon every useful and honest calling.

God of all comfort, we commend to Thy mercy

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all those whom Thou art pleased to visit with any cross or tribulation; the nations whom Thou dost afflict with famine, pestilence, or war; those of our brethren who suffer persecution for the sake of the Gospel; all such as are in danger by sea or land, and all persons oppressed with poverty, sickness, or any other distress of body or sorrow of mind. We pray particularly for the sick and afflicted members of this church, and for those who desire to be remembered in our prayers [and for any such known to ourselves, whom we name in our hearts before Thee]. May it please Thee to show them Thy fatherly kindness, and to deliver them out of all their troubles; above all, grant them the consolations of which they have need; dispose them to patience and resignation, and make their afflictions promote the salvation of their souls.

O Lord most High, we give Thee thanks for all Thy faithful servants, who, having witnessed in their lives a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine before Thy people on earth. Mercifully grant that by Thy fatherly blessing we may be enabled to follow them in all virtuous and godly living, and that hereafter we may be united with them in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Finally, O God our Father, we beseech Thee to accept our worship. Pardon its imperfections;

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and grant that henceforth, putting all our trust in Thy well-beloved Son, enlightened by His teaching, guided by His example, and sanctified by His Spirit, we may walk in newness of life, and so prepare for that blessed life which Thou hast promised to Thy children in heaven.

Hear us, O merciful Father, in these our supplications, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Then a Psalm or Hymn is sung; and, if convenient, the Alms may be collected. The Minister shall close the service by pronouncing one or other of these Benedictions—

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Evening Service.

WHEN Thou saidst, Seek ye My face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Having these promises, let us draw near to the throne of grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

O LORD our God, we lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help. Thou only art the Fountain of life and peace, and in Thy presence is fulness of joy. Father in heaven, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant us Thy blessing, and incline Thine ear unto us, as we come before Thee in the solemn service of Thy house. Merciful Saviour, who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and makest intercession for us, fulfil now Thy promise: Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in

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the midst of them. O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, help our infirmities, and enable us to worship in the beauty of holiness; through Christ our Lord.

The Confession.

O God, who hast taught us in Thy holy Word that if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but that if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness; receive, we beseech Thee, our humble confessions, through Jesus Christ.

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we cast ourselves down before Thee, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, in word, and in deed; we have come short of Thy glory; we have broken Thy commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life, and in us there is no soundness nor health.

Yet now, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon Thee with penitent hearts, and for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins, and grant us Thy peace. Take away our guilt. Purify us by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing

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to serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Pardon and Peace.

We bless Thee, O God, for the comforting assurance of Thy grace, promised in the Gospel, to all who repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that he turn from his way and live. God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Grant, therefore, that as many here present as truly repent of their sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with full purpose of new obedience, may receive now with perfect faith the declaration made by the authority and in the name of Christ, that their sins are forgiven in heaven, according to His promise in the Gospel, through the perfect merit of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Supplications.

O God, who hast taught us in Thy holy Word to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make known our requests unto Thee, give ear unto our prayer, and attend to the voice of our supplication.

God of all power and glory, who hast not ap-

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pointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect and fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, the work of Thy redeeming mercy. Sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, and guide us evermore in the way of peace. Help us to overcome the world. Beat down Satan under our feet. Give us courage to confess Christ always, and patience to endure in His service to the end; that, having finished our course with joy, we may rest in hope, and finally attain to the resurrection of the just; through the infinite merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Thou Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we beseech Thee, according to the riches of Thy glory, to strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; so that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

Give ear, O Lord, unto our prayer. Keep us now and always in Thy faith and fear; and so cleanse our conscience, we beseech Thee, by the daily visitation of Thy grace, that when Thy Son

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our Lord shall come, He may find us fit for His appearing, and ready to meet Him in the company of all His saints; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

II.

The Apostles' Creed.

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I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

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The Thanksgiving.

We will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in our mouth.

O God, Giver of all good, and Fountain of all mercies, in whom are the springs of our life; all glory, thanks, and praise be unto Thee for Thine unfailing goodness; for Thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another; for Thy mercies which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than we can number; for seed-time and harvest, and summer and winter, and nights and days throughout the year; for food, and raiment, and shelter; for health and reason; for childhood and age, and youth and manhood; for Thy fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death; for friends, kindred, and benefactors; for home and country; for Thy Church and for Thy Gospel.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

Yea, Lord, for that there is nothing for which we may not bless and thank Thee, therefore do we pay our vows now in the presence of all Thy people, humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our service, which we offer in the name and through the infinite merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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For Illumination.

Cause Thy Church to arise and shine, O Lord, and let her ministers be clothed with righteousness and salvation; that Thy word may not return unto Thee void, but have free course and be glorified; prospering in the thing whereunto Thou hast sent it, and prevailing mightily to turn men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified, by faith that is in Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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III.

Prayer after Sermon.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right understanding of Thy saving truth. Visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

O God, who hast taught us, by Thy holy apostle, that we should make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all people, mercifully hear the petitions which we offer to Thee on behalf of others.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast exalted to be Head over all, cause Thy blessing, we beseech Thee,

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to rest upon the Church, which He has purchased with His most precious blood. Illuminate her ministers with true knowledge, and understanding of Thy Word. Send down the healthful dew of Thy grace upon all her congregations. Deliver her from false doctrine, heresy, and schism; and clothe her with the beauty of holiness and peace. Reveal Thy glory among all nations; destroy all wicked devices formed against Thy holy Word; and bring in speedily the full victory of Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, from whom proceedeth all power and dominion in heaven and on earth, most heartily we beseech Thee to look with favour upon her most sacred Majesty Queen Victoria, Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family.

Imbue all in authority with the spirit of wisdom, goodness, and truth, and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavours, that law and order, justice and peace, may everywhere prevail.

Preserve us from public calamities; from pestilence and famine; from war, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; and from all national sins and corruptions. Make us strong and great in the fear of God, and in the love of righteousness; so that, being blessed of Thee, we may

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become a blessing to all nations, to the praise of the glory of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we implore Thy mercy in behalf of all sorts and conditions of men, that it may please Thee to visit them with Thy most compassionate help, according to their manifold necessities and wants. Especially we beseech Thee to show pity upon all widows and orphans, upon all prisoners and captives, upon all sick and dying persons, upon all who are desolate and afflicted, and upon all such as are persecuted for righteousness' sake [and for any such known to ourselves, whom we name in our hearts before Thee]. Enable them to look unto Thee, O most merciful Father, and to call upon Thy name, that they may find Thee a present Saviour in their affliction and distress; and let it please Thee to deliver them, and raise them up in due time, giving them patience under all their sufferings, the rich comfort of Thy grace here below, and eternal rest with Thee in heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we render Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast permitted us once more to enter the courts of Thy sanctuary, to hear Thy Word, to sing Thy praise, to en-

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joy the communion of saints, and to be built up in our most holy faith, on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Continue to us the use of the means of grace, and grant that we all, who are now assembled in Thy sanctuary on earth, may be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting, and may render praise unto Thee the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, God blessed for evermore.

Amen.

The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Second Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

ONE thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

O THOU who hast made the Church Thy dwelling-place, and chosen it as Thy rest for ever, and hast taught us in Thy Word not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together; regard in special mercy, we beseech Thee, us Thy servants, who meet this day in Thy holy

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courts. Manifest Thyself unto us, and bless unto us all Thine ordinances, so that our worship may prepare us both to serve Thee now, and to glorify Thee hereafter, in Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Confession.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We confess, O God, that we have sinned against Thee, and are unworthy of Thy mercy. We have not loved Thee, our Father, with our whole hearts; we have been unfaithful to Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, and our Head; we have grieved the Holy Ghost, the earnest of our inheritance. We have not been pure and holy; we have not been faithful and true; we have been entangled in the world, and overcome of evil. We have lived in confusion and strife; we have done wrong unto our brother, and have not repented of the wrong; we have broken the unity of Thy holy Church, and have brought reproach upon Thy holy name. Our faith hath failed us; our love hath grown cold; our hope hath not been as an anchor of the soul sure and steadfast, entering within the veil.

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We remember these things before Thee; we cast ourselves upon Thy compassion; we cry unto Thee, Be merciful unto us, sinners. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who died for us upon the cross, and who rose again for our justification; that, obtaining of Thee forgiveness of all our sins, and being filled with Thy Holy Spirit, we may be enabled evermore to glorify Thee in our body and our spirit, which are Thine.

For Pardon and Peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Supplications.

O God, the Fountain of all truth and grace, who hast called us out of darkness into marvellous light by the glorious Gospel of Thy Son, grant unto us power, we beseech Thee, to walk worthy of our vocation, with all lowliness and meekness, endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; that we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Enable us to perform our appointed duties with diligence, to guide our affairs with discretion, and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee.

Feed us with food convenient for us; bestow upon us health of body and soundness of mind; and further our lawful undertakings with Thy blessing.

Restrain us from all intemperance and excess, from all vanity in speech and behaviour; and give us grace to be sober and to watch unto prayer.

O God, who didst suffer Thine own Son to be tempted that He might be able to succour them that are tempted, we beseech Thee to deliver us from those snares and temptations by which we are continually beset; and so to strengthen us mightily by Thy good Spirit, that in all things we may be more than conquerors through Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

O Thou who bestowest liberally and upbraidest not, be pleased now, for Thy Son's sake, to give unto us those things which we have asked in His name, and to forgive our unworthiness in asking. Preserve us in the faith and fear of Thy holy name unto our life's end; keep us watchful for the coming of Thy Son; and bring us at last into

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Amen.

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Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

O Lord, open Thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

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It is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, O God, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High; to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

We thank Thee for all the bounties of Thy providence; for health and strength, for food and raiment; for help and succour in times of need, for pity and consolation in times of sorrow; and for all the kindness Thou hast shown us from the beginning of our days until now. But above all, we thank Thee for Thine infinite love to us, miserable sinners; that Thou hast given Thy Son to be the propitiation for our sins; that Thou hast sent down Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify our corrupt natures; that Thou dost favour us with the means of grace, and comfort us with the hope of glory.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

Help us, we beseech Thee, to acknowledge Thy goodness, in all time to come, by trusting entirely in Thee, by contentment with the portion Thou hast given us, by charity to the poor and needy, by zeal for Thy truth, and by a cheerful obedience to Thy commandments.

For Illumination.

O Lord, who alone canst give the hearing ear

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and the understanding heart; open our minds, we beseech Thee, to understand Thy Word, which Thou hast in Thy mercy bestowed upon us. Save us from using Thy Word deceitfully; from wresting it to serve our own purposes; from being in bondage to the letter while we neglect the spirit. But grant that we may search the Scriptures diligently, and find in them their testimony to Christ; and beholding His glory reflected in them, may be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

III.

Prayer after Sermon.

O GOD, who hast sounded in our ears Thy divine and saving oracles; enlighten our souls to the full understanding of what has

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been spoken, that we may not only be hearers of spiritual words, but doers also of good works; following after faith unfeigned, blameless life, and conversation without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to receive these our prayers, which we offer to Thy divine majesty.

We pray for Thy holy Church universal, that all who profess Thy name may be careful to maintain good works; that the weak may be strengthened, the wanderers restored, the sorrowful comforted, and the doubting confirmed.

O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth, we pray Thee, labourers into the fields which are ripe for the harvest, and replenish all Thy ministers with heavenly grace, that they may faithfully serve Thee, and, both in their life and doctrine, seek only Thy glory.

Extend, we pray Thee, the blessings of Thy Gospel, that all flesh may magnify Thy holy

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name in word and in deed. Give Thy Son the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Everywhere break the chains of idolatry and error, and make Thy truth triumphant, that the earth may be glad, and Thy saints shout aloud for joy.

We beseech Thee to bless this congregation. Grant that those who bear office may be ensamples to the flock, and that all its members may walk continually in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Ghost. Revive Thy work among us, and pour out abundantly of the spirit of grace and supplication.

We pray for the young children, that their tender life may be precious in Thy sight, and that, through a pious nurture, they may be fitted for usefulness in this world, and glory in the life to come.

We pray, O Lord, for our beloved country, with all its colonies and dependencies. Bless and long preserve Thy servant our Sovereign Lady the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family. Bless [the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled,] the Queen's ministers and counsellors, the nobles, judges, and magistrates, the army and navy, and all who are called to the

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public service. Replenish them with heavenly gifts, that they may faithfully serve Thee, to the end that we, being secured from all enemies, may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

We pray for all in sorrow, that they may be speedily relieved and comforted by the Holy Spirit. We remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them, and them which suffer adversity, as being ourselves also in the body. Let the sighing of the prisoner come up before Thee, and save Thou those that are appointed to die.

We pray for all who suffer for their faith in Thee, that, sustained by Thy love, they may be steadfast in life and in death.

We pray for the tempted, that, taking the shield of faith, they may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked; for all who seek salvation, that they may be led to Jesus, the Saviour from sin and death; and for the dying, that Thy rod and Thy staff may comfort them in the dark valley. We pray for the bereaved that their mourning may be turned into joy, and their souls blessed through the exercise of Thy chastening. We pray for the widow and the fatherless, and for those who have none to help

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them but Thee, O God. We pray for those who are absent from their homes on the land or on the sea, that they may be kept from danger and death and sin. We pray for the stranger in a strange land, and for all who need Thy cheering grace.

Blessed Lord, with whom do rest the souls of Thy departed saints, and who hast said unto us by Thy Spirit: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; enable us to be followers of them, as they were followers of Christ; and so to run our race with patience, and to fight the good fight of faith, that, our course being finished and our warfare accomplished, we may join the innumerable company of Thy redeemed.

Hear this our prayer; and strengthen us, that we may overcome all temptations, and hereafter receive the crown of life. We ask Thee for all these things in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

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Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Evening Service.

THE hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him all the earth.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

O GOD, Light of the hearts that see Thee, and Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee; from whom to be turned away is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever: grant us now Thy grace and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications; and though we are unworthy to approach Thee, or to ask anything of Thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and to answer us, for the sake of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Confession.

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardonest all such as truly repent and turn to Thee; we humbly confess our sins and implore Thy mercy. We have not loved Thee with a pure heart fervently, neither have we loved our neighbour as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with Thee, our God. Our thoughts have been evil and vain. Our members have been the instruments of unrighteousness to sin; our eyes have gone after vanity; our ears have hearkened unto folly; our mouths have spoken deceit; our hands have done iniquity; and with our whole body and spirit we have dishonoured Thee whom we are bound to glorify.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord: for in Thy sight shall no flesh living be justified.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our iniquity.

For Pardon and Peace.

O Thou gracious Father of mercy, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon Thy servants who bow before Thee; pardon and forgive us all our sins; give us the grace of true repent-

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ance, and a strict obedience to Thy holy Word; strengthen us in the inner man for all the parts and duties of holy living; preserve us evermore in the unity of Thy Church, in the integrity of the Christian faith, in the love of Thee and of our neighbour, in the hope of eternal life, and in Thy peace which passeth all understanding.

Supplications.

O God, who of Thy great mercy hast redeemed us from all our iniquities, we dedicate anew to Thee our souls and our bodies, henceforth to be instruments of righteousness unto Thee.

We renounce the works of darkness; cause us to walk in the light of Thy countenance. We renounce the vanities of this world; help us to seek after the enduring substance laid up with Thee in heaven. We renounce the sinful lusts of the flesh; enable us to walk in the Spirit.

Teach us to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, that we may not fear the reproach of men, nor be ashamed of Christ or of His cross; and that we may not count life itself dear unto us, so that we may finish our course with joy.

Quicken us to work the works of Him that hath sent us, while it is day, because the night cometh wherein no man can work; and whatsoever we do, enable us to do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

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Grant us, in all our duties, Thy help; in all our difficulties, Thy counsel; in all our dangers, Thy protection; and in all our sorrows, Thy peace.

Almighty God, our most holy and eternal Father, who art of purer eyes than to behold evil, let Thy gracious and Holy Spirit descend upon Thy servants; that no impure thoughts may pollute that soul which Thou hast sanctified, no impure words pollute that tongue which Thou hast ordained an organ of Thy praise, no impure action rend the veil of that temple which Thou hast chosen for an habitation; but grant that, our senses being sealed up from all vain objects, our hearts entirely possessed with religion, and fortified with prudence, watchfulness, and self-denial, we may so live in this present world as not to fail of the glories of the world to come.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

O Lord most mighty and most merciful, we commend ourselves unto Thee and to the Word of Thy grace, which is able to build us up and to give us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. We beseech Thee to keep our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, that we may walk before Thee in the light of the living, and at the second and

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glorious appearing of Thy Son our Lord, may be presented faultless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Almighty Father, who art the hearer of prayer, unto whom all flesh shall come, be pleased to pardon what has been amiss in these our supplications. Forgive our wandering and unholy thoughts, and let Thy blessing be upon us for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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ness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

Honour and praise be given to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for all Thy mercy and loving-kindness shown unto Thy people, in that Thou hast chosen them in Christ before the foundation of the world. Continual thanks be given to Thee for creating us after Thine own image; for redeeming us when we were lost, with the precious blood of Thy beloved Son; for sanctifying us with Thy Holy Spirit; for helping and succouring us in all our necessities; for saving us from dangers of body and soul; for comforting us with Thy fatherly pity in our tribulations; for sparing us so long, and giving us so large a time of repentance.

These benefits, O most merciful Father, we acknowledge ourselves to have received of Thy goodness alone. And we beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, to grant us always Thy Holy Spirit, whereby we may continually grow in thankfulness towards Thee. Let us not lack anything, O Father, without which we cannot serve Thee; but bless us in all the works of our hands, that we may not be burdensome, but rather helpful to others. And whatsoever in Thy providence Thou sendest, teach us to be heartily content with Thy good will and pleasure.

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For Illumination.

O God, whose inspiration giveth understanding, and who didst bestow upon Thy servants of old, gifts of wisdom, and knowledge, and utterance; be pleased so to guide and direct the hearts and lips of us Thy servants who are here assembled before Thee, that our speaking and hearing may be to our edification and profit; to the increase of our knowledge, and faith, and obedience; and to our comfort and growth in grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer.

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Amen.

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III.

Prayer after Sermon.

SUFFER not, O God, the good seed, which the Son of Man hath sown, to be caught away by the wicked one out of out hearts, or to be scorched by tribulation or persecution, or to be choked with cares and pleasures of this life; but being received into good and honest hearts, may it bring forth in us abundantly the fruits of faith and obedience; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

O God, who hast commanded us to make prayers and supplications for all men, we beseech Thee graciously to receive the petitions which we now present unto Thee.

May the beams of the Sun of righteousness speedily illuminate all lands, and the day-spring from on high visit those who sit in darkness, and the shadow of death. Let the people praise Thee, O Lord; let all the people praise Thee. Let all kings fall down before Thee, and all nations serve Thee. In every place let incense and a pure

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offering be offered unto Thy name, and let the whole earth be filled with Thy glory.

Remember, O Lord, Thy Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Peace be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces, and may they prosper that love her. Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up for ever. Build Thou the waste places, and repair the desolations of former generations; and cause Thy power and Thy glory to be seen in Thy sanctuary as in the days of old.

Remember, O Lord, all who bear rule in Thy Church, who rightly divide the word of truth; and let none be ashamed who minister at Thy holy altar.

Remember, O Lord, those who love the beauty of Thy house and seek its welfare, who do good deeds for Thy Church, and who remember the poor. Recompense them with rich and heavenly gifts. Render to them, instead of earthly things, the heavenly; instead of temporal, the eternal; instead of corruptible, the incorruptible; and do Thou increase their number here and everywhere.

Remember, O Lord, the whole body of the people, all those present before Thee, and those absent for a reasonable cause; and pour down upon this parish the continual dew of Thy blessing.

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Remember, O Lord, all those whom thou hast made to reign upon the earth, especially Thy servant her most sacred Majesty Queen Victoria. Rule her heart in thy fear and love, direct all her counsels, grant her in health and happiness long to live and reign, and may she finally receive a crown of glory.

Bless Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

We pray for the Queen's counsellors, for the nobles, judges, magistrates, and all in authority, that Thou wouldst grant unto them a spirit of wisdom, justice, and godly fear.

We pray for favourable weather and fruitful seasons, that receiving of the abundance of Thy good things we may evermore praise Thee.

Remember, O Lord, in Thy mercy, the sons and daughters of affliction and sorrow. Jehovah hear them in the day of trouble, and let the name of the God of Jacob defend them. Send them help from Thy sanctuary, and strengthen them out of Zion. Care Thou for the widows, protect the orphans, relieve the destitute, heal the sick, comfort the bereaved, strengthen the aged. Sanctify and support the dying: may Thine everlasting arms be around them; may Thy good angels minister to them; and, absent from the body, may they be present with the Lord.

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Be Thou with the travellers by sea and by land, and when they cry unto Thee in their distress do Thou mercifully send them help and deliverance.

Let Thy blessing be on all our kindred and friends; and receive Thou our thanks for all near and dear to us, and for the redeemed of all ages, who are at rest with Thee.

Hasten the coming and kingdom of Thy Christ, that the whole creation which groaneth under the bondage of corruption may be delivered, and we, with all Thy saints departed, may receive the adoption, even the redemption of our bodies, when the saying which is written shall be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory.

Thine, O Lord, is the day, and Thine is the night; cover our sins with Thy mercy as Thou dost cover the earth with darkness; and grant that the Sun of righteousness may ever shine in our hearts, to chase away the darkness of evil thoughts.

These and all things we ask through Jesus Christ, Thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

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Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Third Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

THUS saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

We have not an High Priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

O LORD God, merciful and holy, who didst command light to shine out of darkness, who hast given us rest in sleep, and hast raised

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us up to glorify Thee and to declare Thy goodness; we beseech Thee of Thy great mercy to accept us who now worship before Thee, and according to our power do give Thee thanks, and to grant unto us our requests for all things needful for the present life and for our everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Confession.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We, poor sinners, confess before Thee, our Lord, God, and Creator, that we have grievously sinned in thought, in word, and in deed, neglecting the good and doing the evil, as Thou the searcher of hearts well knowest, and as we cannot enough deplore. We have broken the vows made unto Thee in our baptism, wherein we were made members of the body of Thy Son; we have not held fast the hope of His coming, neither have we purified ourselves as He is pure; we have not worthily praised Thee for thy goodness, nor rendered unto Thee the glory due unto thy name.

O merciful God, pardon these our transgressions for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, our

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only Mediator with Thee. As we from the heart forgive them that have sinned against us, do Thou show the like mercy unto us, and to all penitent sinners, and of Thy pity lead and guide us all from the misery of sin unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Pardon and Peace.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who declarest that as Thou livest Thou hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his wickedness and live, grant unto Thy people peace, through Thy word of pardon, pronounced unto them in Thy name: and vouchsafe unto us the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that at this time we may offer unto Thee true and acceptable worship; that for the time to come we may serve and please Thee in righteousness and true holiness; and that at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, we may be found of Him in peace unto salvation.

Supplications.

O Almighty God, who, by Thy holy apostle, hast called upon us to present our bodies unto Thee a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service; we come unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and we devote and dedicate ourselves wholly to Thy service,

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henceforth to live only to Thy glory. Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee; Thou art our God, we will exalt Thee.

Enable us to be faithful to every trust which Thou in Thy providence hast committed to us, to discharge rightly the duties of our various relations in life, and to walk in Thy commandments and ordinances blameless.

Pour out upon us the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Grant unto us faith unfeigned, a just and humble hope, and a never-failing charity. Grant unto us the grace of true humility, a meek and quiet spirit, pure and holy thoughts, clear understanding in the way of godliness, and a holy and edifying conversation.

Grant unto us grace to deny ourselves; to bear one another's burdens; to be slow to anger; to fight manfully the battles of the Lord against the devil, the world, and the flesh; to redeem the time; and to walk always as in Thy presence.

Grant unto us spiritual wisdom, that we may discern what is pleasing to Thee, and follow what belongs to our peace; and let the knowledge and love of Thee and of Jesus Christ our Lord be our guide and our portion all our days. Sanctify us in spirit, soul, and body, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and King.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

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Incline thine ear to our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and visit the darkness of our mind with the day-spring from on high; that at the second coming of Thy Son, to judge the world, we may hasten with joy to meet Him, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

II.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

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The Thanksgiving.

O Lord, open Thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

We give thanks unto Thee, O God of our salvation, that Thou hast crowned our lives with Thy mercies. Thou didst create heaven and earth, and all things that are therein. Thou gavest unto us life and being. By Thy providence are the fruits of the earth preserved to us; and by Thy blessing we, and all things living, are nourished and sustained. Thou openest Thine hand and fillest us with plenty. Thou hast preserved us all our days, and now again Thou bringest us into Thy presence, in the multitude of Thy mercies, and replenished with Thy goodness.

But above all, Thou hast loved us and all mankind when we were lost and undone; and hast given Thine only-begotten Son to seek and save us. We bless Thee for His love and condescension, for His immaculate holiness, for His perfect example, for His bitter passion and His death upon the cross, for His triumph over death and hell, for His glorious resurrection and ascension, for His intercession and rule at Thy right hand. We thank Thee for the giving of the Holy Ghost; for the Church which Thou hast planted among men; for its ministries and means of grace; for the promises and precepts

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of Thy holy Word; and for all the helps and comforts of true religion.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

Help us with our whole soul evermore to praise Thee, and to live worthy of these Thy benefits.

For Illumination.

O Lord and lover of men, cause the pure light of Thy divine knowledge to shine forth in our hearts, and open the eyes of our understandings, that we may comprehend the precepts of Thy Gospel. Plant in us also the fear of Thy blessed commandments; that we, subduing all fleshly lusts, may seek a heavenly citizenship, both saying and doing always such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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III.

Prayer after Sermon.

LET Thy Gospel, O Lord, come unto us not in word only but in power, and in much assurance, and in the Holy Ghost, that we may be guided into all truth, and strengthened unto all obedience and enduring of Thy will with joyfulness; that, abounding in the work of faith, and the labour of love, and the patience of hope, we may finally be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, we beseech Thee to receive these our prayers which we offer humbly to Thy divine majesty.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast loved Thy people with an everlasting love, and purchased them unto Thyself with the blood of Thy dear Son; favourably regard, we beseech Thee, Thy Church and congregation, and confirm

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them evermore with all spiritual gifts. Endue Thy ministering servants with wisdom and faith. with love and zeal, that they may diligently and wisely perform the work of the Lord to which they are called. And grant that the whole company of the faithful may be steadfast in the faith, abounding in hope, of one heart and of one mind, and filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.

Remember in Thy mercy all men whom Thou hast made of one blood to dwell on the face of the earth, and deliver them from those evils and miseries by which any of them are oppressed; especially from ignorance, error, and unbelief, and from the bondage of sin. Make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations: and hasten the time when the lost sheep of the house of Israel, together with the fulness of the Gentiles, shall be brought into the fold of Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

In mercy remember her most sacred Majesty the Queen; preserve her person in health and honour, her crown in wealth and dignity, her dominions in peace and plenty: keep her perpetually in Thy fear and favour, and crown her with glory, honour, and immortality.

Make Thy blessing also to rest upon Albert

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Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family.

We pray for the Queen's ministers and counsellors [for the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled], for the magistrates and judges, and all who are in authority: enlighten and guide them; and so dispose the affairs of this nation that righteousness and truth, peace and contentment, may everywhere prevail.

We commend to Thine almighty guardianship our Army and Navy, and all who are exposed to danger by sea or by land.

In mercy remember the poor and needy, the widows and the fatherless, the strangers and the friendless, the sick and the dying [and any such known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before Thee]; relieve their needs, sanctify their sufferings, strengthen their weakness, and in due time bring them from their bondage into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

Regard with Thy favour our kindred and all who are dear to us. Unite us in the bonds of a common faith and hope; and inspire us with mutual love, gentleness, and forbearance, that we may walk before Thee in our homes with a perfect heart.

Eternal God, in whom do rest the spirits of just men made perfect; we bless and praise Thy

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holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and especially for those most dear to us who have fallen asleep in Jesus. And we beseech Thee to give us grace to follow their good examples, that we may continue united to them in fellowship of spirit, and that finally we may be gathered together in Thy heavenly kingdom.

O Lord our God, who hast shown great mercy to us Thy sinful and unworthy servants, upon whom Thy holy name is called, put us not to shame for our hope in Thee; but grant us, Lord, all these our petitions, and count us worthy to love and fear Thee with all our hearts, and to do in all things Thy most holy will. For Thou, O God, art good, and lovest all mankind. And to Thee we ascribe all glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, now and for evermore.

Amen.

The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the

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knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Evening Service.

OPEN to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them and I will praise the Lord.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

O LORD our God, of boundless might and incomprehensible glory, measureless compassion and infinite love to man; look down on us and on this holy place, and show unto us and to them that pray with us the riches of Thy mercies and compassions; and so make us worthy, with a pure heart and a broken spirit, with hallowed lips and with a countenance that needeth not to be ashamed, to call upon Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Confession.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past: And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Pardon and Peace.

Almighty and most merciful God, who willest not the souls of sinners to perish, but their faults; restrain the anger which we deserve, and pour out upon us the clemency which we entreat, that through Thy mercy we may pass from mourning into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Supplications.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all holiness, who by Thy Word and Spirit dost conduct all Thy servants in the way of peace and righteousness; grant unto us so truly to repent of our sins, so carefully to reform our errors, so diligently to watch over all our actions, so industriously to perform all our duty, that we may never willingly transgress Thy holy laws: but that it may be the work of our lives to obey Thee, the joy of our souls to please Thee, the satisfaction of all our hopes and the perfection of all our desires to dwell with Thee, in the holiness of Thine everlasting kingdom.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

Make us perfect in Christ Jesus; out of His fulness may we all receive, and rest in Him for evermore.

May His passion be our deliverance; His wounds our healing; His cross our redemption; and His death our life.

With His righteousness may we be clothed; by His Spirit may we be sanctified; in His blood may we be cleansed; and to His image may we be conformed.

May we abide in Him as branches in the vine;

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may He be in us the hope of glory, and unto us all in all.

As He died, may we die unto sin; as He rose again, may we rise unto newness of life; suffering with Him here, may we reign with Him hereafter; and bearing now His cross, may we hereafter wear His crown.

O God, Thou King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the blessed and only Potentate, may we, who cannot see Thee with the eye of flesh, behold Thee steadfastly with the eye of faith, that we faint not under the manifold trials and temptations of this mortal life, but may endure as seeing Thee who art invisible; that after we have done and suffered Thy will upon the earth, we may enjoy the vision of God in heaven, and may be made partakers of those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee and the appearing of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for whose sake, we beseech Thee to hear us; and unto whom, with Thee the Father and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe all glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

Almighty and most merciful Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; we yield Thee praise and thanks for all Thy mercies.

Thy goodness hath created us; Thy bounty hath sustained us; Thy fatherly discipline hath chastened and corrected us; Thy patience hath borne with us; Thy love hath redeemed us.

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Give us a heart to love and serve Thee, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all the goodness and mercy Thou hast conferred by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to Thy blessed will.

Continue to us, we beseech Thee, Thy loving kindness, that we may rejoice and be glad in Thee all our days. Supply all our need according to Thy glorious riches; and make all grace to be multiplied towards us, that we always, having sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work. Teach us also to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto Thee; that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

For Illumination.

O God, who hast promised that in the last days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it; send forth Thy light and Thy truth now unto Thy servants; leading them in the paths of Thine ordinances, and in the ways of Thy commandments; that we and Thy whole Church, perfect in every member, complete in

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holiness and instructed in righteousness, may be presented before Thee without spot or blemish, in the day of the appearing and kingdom of the Lord Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

III.

Prayer after Sermon.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, we joyfully acknowledge Thine infinite goodness in sending to us the day-spring from on high to enlighten our darkness, and guide our feet into the way of peace. We praise Thy name for those portions of Thy holy Word of which Thou hast made us partakers this day. Grant that they may bring forth fruit unto holiness in our whole life, to the glory of Thy name, the edification of

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our brethren, and the comfort of our souls in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

Almighty and everlasting God, we come to Thee through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate, and we entreat Thee, for His merits, to receive our intercessions, and to help our infirmities by Thy Holy Spirit.

We humbly beseech Thee, gracious Father, for Thy Holy Catholic Church: fill it with all truth, and in all truth with all peace; where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal Thou the breaches of it, O Thou holy One of Israel.

O Lord, save Thy people:
And bless Thine inheritance.

We pray for all pastors and ministers of Thy Church, that, being replenished with the truth of Christian doctrine, and endued with innocency of life, they may rule Christ's flock with diligence, and celebrate Thy worship to Thy glory.

We pray for all estates of men in Thy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation

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and ministry, may truly and devoutly serve Thee, following the footsteps of his Lord and Saviour.

We pray for kings and all in authority, that they may be just, ruling in the fear of God: especially for Thy servant Victoria our Queen, that she may enjoy Thy favour, seek Thy glory, and study to preserve her people in peace, prosperity, and godliness.

For Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, that they may adorn their exalted station by virtuous and holy lives.

For the Queen's counsellors [the High Court of Parliament], the judges, and the magistrates, that they may exercise the powers, which Thou hast given them, for the punishment of vice and the maintenance of virtue.

We pray for our country, that Thou wouldst grant us peaceful times, and fruitful seasons; that Thou wouldst prosper our industries, and defend us from our enemies.

For our universities and schools, that the young may be taught that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom.

For all who remember the poor, and do good works among Thy people, that their hands may be strengthened, and their prayers and alms come up before Thee.

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We pray for this [town and] parish, and every family and household, that true religion may flourish in this place.

For husbands and wives, that they may live together as heirs of the grace of life, and be helpers of each other's faith and joy.

For parents, that they may bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and for children, that they may obey their parents in all things.

For masters, that they may give to their servants that which is just and equal, knowing that they have a Master in heaven; and for servants, that they may serve from the heart, with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not unto men.

We pray for all travellers by land or water, that they may be brought safely on their way; for all in danger, that they may be delivered, and praise Thee for Thy goodness and Thy wonderful works towards them.

For all widows and orphans, that Thou wouldst be their stay; for all prisoners and captives, that Thou wouldst pity them; for those in sickness and sorrow, that Thou wouldst comfort them; for those in doubt and fear, that Thou wouldst relieve them; for the dying, that Thou wouldst be their guide even unto death, and afterwards receive them to glory.

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We pray for all who have erred and strayed from Thy ways, that they may have the grace of true repentance; and for all who have striven to do Thy will and keep the faith, that they may persevere unto life eternal.

Here may be introduced any other subject of Intercession.

We remember before Thee, O God, with grateful hearts, our brethren and sisters, who from the beginning of the world have pleased Thee in their several generations, who are now at rest with Thee; and we beseech Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, to prepare us for the second coming of Thy Christ, and to hasten His glorious kingdom, at whose appearing Thy saints departed shall be raised, and we shall be changed, and death shall be swallowed up in victory.

O Lord, hear our prayer:

And let our cry come unto Thee.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our habitations with Thy mercy, and preserve us from the snares of the enemy; let Thy holy angels watch over us, and may Thy blessing be always upon us; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

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The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Fourth Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the mighty God, who art blessed for evermore, we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture, draw near to Thee with reverence and godly fear.

Look down from heaven, in Thy tender love, on us approaching Thee through Thine Anointed, and sanctify our souls and bodies by Thy Holy Spirit, and strengthen our infirmity, that our

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prayers may go up before Thee as incense, and be accepted as a sweet savour, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Confession.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

O most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight, and are not worthy to be called Thy children. We have all gone astray from Thy way like lost sheep, and have walked in counsels of our own. We have known to do good, but we have not done it; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Our sins are more in number than the hairs of our head; and we are indebted ten thousand talents, and are unable to pay.

But, O Lord, we repent, and are sorry for our sins. We especially bewail before Thee those things which are the present burden of our hearts and consciences. We cannot stand before Thee as our Judge, but we flee to Thee as our Saviour, hoping in Thy mercies, which are more than can be numbered.

Forsake us not, O God, who put our trust in

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Thee. Remember not against us former transgressions, but remember Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. And as Thou wast ever merciful to Thy people Israel, as often as they in penitence turned unto Thee, so do Thou show the like mercy unto us, with whom Thou hast made a better covenant, confirmed and sealed with the blood of Thy beloved Son.

For Pardon and Peace.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou dost, through the ordinances of Thy Church, seal to Thy people the remission of their sins; wherefore we beseech Thee to grant to all here present who truly repent, and are resolved to walk in newness of life, the comfortable assurance that their transgressions are forgiven, and to fill them with the peace that cometh from above.

Supplications.

O God, who hast from the beginning chosen us to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth; grant that pardoned through Christ, and risen with Him, we may have our affections set upon things above, and may overcome the world with the victory of faith.

Take away from us, we beseech Thee, whatever

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is depraved and perverse, whatever is contrary to salvation, whatever is hurtful to the soul, and whatever is displeasing to Thee.

From the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, good Lord, deliver us; and strengthen us, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to fight the good fight of the faith, to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, to rule our bodies by temperance and our spirits by meekness, and to glorify Thee both with body and spirit which Thou hast redeemed.

O Thou great Master and Lord, whose are all things in heaven and earth, and who givest to every one as it seemeth good in Thy sight; grant us grace so to use the talents which Thou hast committed to us for a season, that when the Lord shall return to reckon with His servants, we may be enabled to give in our account with joy, and not with grief.

O Almighty God, whose eternal providence is over all Thy works, we beseech Thee to help and deliver us Thy servants in all time of our tribulation and adversity, and also in all time of our prosperity and wealth, that we be not overwhelmed with despondency and fear, or lifted up with presumption and pride; but that enjoying Thy bounties with humility and thankfulness, and bearing Thy chastening with faith and hope, we may endure unto the end; and having finished the work Thou hast given us to

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do, may, through Thy mercy, enter into the joy of our Lord.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

O God, who hast chosen Zion as Thy rest for ever, and hast promised abundantly to bless her provision, and satisfy her poor with bread, to clothe her priests with salvation, and to cause her saints to shout aloud for joy; grant that, through the ordinances of Thy Church, we may receive out of Christ's fulness, and grace for grace; and being thus nourished by Thy Word and sacraments, may be built up unto everlasting life.

These our humble supplications we offer up to Thee through Thine only-begotten Son; and to Thee we ascribe glory, honour, and might, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, now and ever, world without end.

Amen.

II.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

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was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of mercies, and Giver of all good, we render thanks unto Thy great name for Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy towards us and all mankind.

We praise Thee for the succession of day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest, and that Thou hast never left Thyself without witness among men, but hast done good to all, sending rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling men's hearts with food and gladness. We thank Thee for our being, our reason, our health, our friends, our food and raiment, for Thy care over us from day to day; for that Thou hast been ever with us through the past time of our lives, and hast brought us safely to this hour.

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Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

Above all, with Thy whole Church throughout the world, we adore Thine unfathomable love in the redemption of mankind by our Lord Jesus Christ; for whom and by whom we humbly offer unto Thee most hearty thanks and praise.

We bless Thee for the descent of the Holy Ghost, and for Thy Church filled with His presence; for our baptism and Christian instruction, and for the great hope of everlasting life.

For all these things glory be to Thee, O Lord God Almighty; blessed be the name of the Lord for ever and ever.

For Illumination.

O God, who didst speak in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, and hast in these last days spoken to us by Thy Son from heaven; give us, we pray Thee, humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what He hath revealed, and do alway what He hath commanded. And as man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word of God, grant that we may ever hunger after this heavenly food, that it may be to us sweeter than honey, and more to be desired than gold, and that we may find in it daily provision on our way to eternal life.

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The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

III.

Prayer after Sermon.

O GOD, who hast caused the light of Thy Word clearly to shine among us, and hast plainly instructed us in the way of salvation, shine into our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we being filled with the knowledge of Thy will, and animated with the hope of Thy promises, may in all things adorn the doctrine of our Saviour, and walk worthy of God, who hath called us unto His kingdom and glory.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

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Intercessions.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to receive these our prayers which we offer to Thy divine majesty.

Almighty God, who hast made of one blood all nations, we pray for the peace of the whole world, and the salvation of all men. Look in pity upon Thine ancient people, whose are the fathers, and of whom according to the flesh Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour came; and have mercy upon all who are in bondage to heathen superstition, and fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites.

We pray especially for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that the divisions which desolate Thine heritage may be healed; that what is wanting anywhere may be supplied; and that every plant that is not of Thy planting may be rooted up.

We pray for all pastors and ministers of Thy Word, that they may take heed to themselves and to all the flocks over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to feed the Church of Christ which He hath purchased with His blood,

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that when the chief Shepherd shall appear, they may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

We pray for this parish, that those who bear office may be ensamples to the flock; that the young may abide in Christ, into whom they have been engrafted, and be spared for lives of piety and usefulness; that the middle-aged may be strong for the Lord and valiant for the right; and that those advanced in years may have bodily comfort, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and finally a good end, and an abundant entrance into rest.

We pray for her most sacred Majesty Queen Victoria, that Thou wouldst grant her a long and happy life, faithful counsellors, loyal subjects, a prosperous reign, and finally bestow upon her a crown of glory.

We pray for Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, that Thou wouldst regard them with Thy favour, and so dispose their hearts that they may seek Thy glory and the good of Thy Church.

We pray [for the High Court of Parliament] for the nobles, rulers, and judges of the land [and for the magistrates of this town], that Thou wouldst inspire them with Thy wisdom and grant them Thy blessing.

We pray for the Army and Navy, that they

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may be distinguished by loyalty and valour, temperance and godliness.

We pray for the United Kingdom, with all its colonies and dependencies, beseeching Thee to preserve our peace and defend our liberties, to prosper our trade and commerce, to send healthful and seasonable weather, to bless our husbandry, and to crown the year with Thy goodness.

We pray for the poor and needy, the desolate and the oppressed, the widow and the orphan, the weak and the bowed down; beseeching Thee to remember them in mercy, and to visit them in Thy compassion.

We pray for those who mourn, that they may be comforted; for those who suffer pain and anguish, that they may be relieved; for those in sickness, that they may be healed, and may again praise Thee in the sanctuary [and for any such known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before Thee]; and especially we commend to Thee the dying, entreating Thee to be with them in that last hour when heart and flesh do faint and fail, to cleanse their souls in the blood of Christ, and to receive them to Thy rest.

O Thou who art the confidence of the ends of the earth, and of them that are far off upon the sea, we commend to Thine almighty protection,

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all travellers, sojourners, and strangers. Journey with them who journey, and grant to them who are far from their homes that they may revisit them, in Thy good time, in peace.

O Thou who art the God of all the families of the earth, we beseech Thee to bless all our friends and kindred, and to grant that we may ever be knit together in the bonds of mutual love, and, above all, that we may be members together of the mystical body of Christ.

And O God, our heavenly Father, with whom do live the spirits of the just made perfect, we give Thee thanks for all the faithful, and for all near and dear to us, who have been washed from their sins in the blood of the Lamb, and who, having accomplished their warfare, are at rest with Thee.

Finally, O Lord, we pray for each other, all for each, that Thou wouldst bless us outwardly in our bodies, inwardly in our souls, and grant us good success in all our labours. That which is good and profitable do Thou supply unto us. Give us the peace that cometh from above, and also peace in this world. Grant that we may spend the remainder of this day in Thy fear; and may Thy goodness and mercy follow us all our days, and may we dwell in Thy house for ever.

Amen.

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The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Evening Service.

THERE be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Give ear to our words, O Lord; consider our meditation. Hearken unto the voice of our cry, our King, and our God; for unto Thee will we pray.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who lovest the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob, and who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy name, Thou wilt meet with Thy people to bless them; fulfil to us, we beseech Thee, Thy promise, and make us joyful in the house of prayer.

Let our sacrifices of praise and prayer go up with acceptance before Thy throne, through Him who is the great High Priest of our profession, and who has consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest, that coming boldly to the throne of grace we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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The Confession.

Most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thee that we are miserable sinners, conceived in sin, and brought forth in iniquity. We have broken the commandments of Thy just, holy, and good law, doing what Thou hast forbidden, and leaving undone what Thou hast enjoined. We have grievously offended Thee, not only by outward transgressions, but still more by inward iniquities of the heart. Nor have we sinned only through ignorance and infirmity, but also presumptuously, against the light of Thy Word, the checks of our consciences, and the strivings of Thy Holy Spirit, so that we have no cloak for our sins.

But yet, O Lord, we draw near to the throne of grace, hoping in Thy mercy. We trust in the all-sufficiency of that one sacrifice which Thy beloved Son hath offered for us on the cross, and in the efficacy of that intercession which He ever liveth to make for us at Thy right hand; and we most humbly beseech Thee, for His sake, to grant us the full and free remission of all our sins.

For Pardon and Peace.

Be pleased also to shed abroad Thy love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and to seal unto us, by the same spirit of adoption, the full assurance of

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pardon and reconciliation with Thee. Comfort all who mourn in Zion, speak peace to the wounded and troubled spirit, and bind up the broken-hearted, that we and all Thy people may be filled with joy and peace in believing, and may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Supplications.

O God, everlasting and Almighty, whose grace hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men; teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Blessed Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife are there is confusion and every evil work; give unto us Thy servants grace, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, and that there may be no schism among us. Enable us to put away all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil-speaking, with all malice; and grant that in honour preferring one another, we may walk

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in love, even as Thou, Lord, didst love us and give Thyself for us.

O God, who, by the example of Thy dear Son, hast warned us that we should work Thy works while it is day, before the night cometh, when no man can work; keep us from sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of those talents which Thou hast committed to our trust. Enable us to perform the several duties of our state and calling with such care and diligence that our work may never be reproved in Thy sight; and forasmuch as the needful business of this life is apt to steal away our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to do everything in singleness of heart, as unto Thee and not unto men, that of Thee we may receive the reward of the inheritance which Thou hast promised in Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Thou great Shepherd of Israel, who, by Thine outstretched arm, didst bring Thy people of old out of the land of Egypt and the house of bondage, guiding them safely through the wilderness to the promised land; we pray Thee to deliver us from the bondage and slavery of our sins, and so to lead us through the wilderness of this world, feeding us with bread from heaven, and with water out of the smitten Rock, and up-

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holding us amid the swellings of Jordan, that we may enter at last into that rest which remaineth for Thy faithful people.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

O Lord, favourably receive these our prayers, and grant unto us, not according to our deserts, but according to the riches of Thy grace in Jesus Christ Thy Son; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

II.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic

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Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

O God, according to Thy name, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth.

In goodness art Thou exalted, O Lord our Father, for ever and for ever. We magnify Thee, we praise Thee, we worship Thee; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy bountiful providence, for all the blessings of the present life, and all the hopes of a better life to come. We thank Thee for the preservation of our lives, and the bountiful supply of our returning wants, for health of body and soundness of mind, for strength and skill to labour in our several callings, and for that portion of earthly good which Thou hast bestowed upon us. We thank Thee for loving parents, for faithful pastors and teachers, for benefactors never to be forgotten, for faithful friends, for brethren of one mind with us in the Lord, and for all who have helped us onwards in our heavenward way.

Above all, we praise and bless Thee for Thy Son our Saviour, for Thy Spirit our Sanctifier, for the ministration of Thy holy angels, for the example of Thy saints and martyrs, and for the hope of an eternal weight of glory.

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Let the memory of Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness unto our life's end; and let no unworthiness of ours provoke Thee to withhold from us any needed good, seeing that all Thy blessings come not by our desert, but only through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

For Illumination.

Almighty God, with whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law, and give us grace that we may clearly understand and heartily choose the way of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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III.

Prayer after Sermon.

O GOD, who hast revealed to us the light of Thy Gospel, and called us into the fellowship of Thy Son Jesus Christ, bless to us Thy Word which we have heard this day; and grant that we may put away the works of darkness, and may walk in purity, uprightness, and sincerity; that we may have fellowship with Thee, for Thou art light, and with Thee there is no darkness at all; that, when the shadows of this mortal life are passed away, we may behold the King in His beauty, and be made partakers of His everlasting glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, hear these our intercessions which we offer to Thy divine majesty.

Bless and prosper Thy Holy Catholic Church. Cleanse it from heresy and schism, from strife and contention, from superstition and all ungod-

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liness, and make it to abound in faith, hope, and charity, that Thy people everywhere may be so knit together in the bonds of peace and love, that the world may believe in Thee, and in Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

We pray for those who minister in holy things. Endue them with the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind; and so perfect Thy gifts in them that they may glorify Thee and edify Thy Church, and at the last enter into the joy of their Lord.

Regard with Thy compassion those who wander in doubt and uncertainty amid the darkness of this world, and all who are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin: vouchsafe them grace to come to themselves; the will and the power to return unto Thee; and the loving welcome of Thy forgiveness.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that the Gospel of Thy grace may speedily be preached among all nations, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

O Lord our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from Thy throne behold all

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the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favour to behold her most sacred Majesty Queen Victoria, and so replenish her with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that she may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way; endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with Thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray [for the High Court of Parliament now assembled, and] for all rulers, judges, and magistrates [especially for those of this town], that Thou wouldst give the spirit of wisdom to those to whom Thou hast given the authority of government; and for all ranks and conditions of men, that all may serve their generation in Thy fear.

We pray for all in sickness and distress [and for any such known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before Thee]; that Thou wouldst

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give strength to the weary, aid to the sufferers, comfort to the sad, and help to all in tribulation.

We pray for the dying, that the souls of Thy servants may be released in peace, and that, departing from this world, they may live for evermore with Thee.

And O, most loving Father, we remember with undying affection those near and dear to us whom death has taken away, and who rest from their earthly labours and sleep in Jesus. United still in one household of faith and love, help us to live in the blessed hope, that when the day of God shall dawn and the shadows flee away, we shall meet with them and all Thy redeemed in the glories of heaven.

Be present, O Lord, to our prayers, and protect us by day and by night; keep us watchful for the appearing of Thy beloved Son; and grant that in all the changes of this world, we may ever be strengthened by Thine unchangeableness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Fifth Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

WE will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy; and in Thy fear will we worship toward Thy holy temple.

Let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

O GOD, whom heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but who dwellest with the humble and contrite in heart, look in Thy mercy upon us who are here assembled according to Thine ordinance, to offer up our sacrifices of prayer and praise before Thy divine majesty.

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Grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit, we entreat Thee, O Lord, to guide and sanctify us, that we may be acceptable in Thy sight, and may worship Thee with reverence and godly fear; for we come before Thee not in our own name, but in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate Jesus Christ.

The Confession.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

O God, searcher of hearts, in whom there is no darkness, and from whom our sins cannot be covered, we humble ourselves before Thy holy majesty and implore Thy mercy. We confess that we have been foolish, rebellious, deceived; we have been unthankful for Thy mercies, distrustful of Thy promises, disobedient to Thy commands, and by our manifold wickedness have provoked Thee to cast us off from Thy favour and fellowship.

But, O Lord, we return unto Thee, from whom we have so grievously departed, and implore Thy pardon for all our sins and folly. Forgive us, we beseech Thee; forgive Thy people, whom

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Thou hast redeemed with the most precious blood of Thy dear Son; create in us clean and contrite hearts, and vouchsafe unto us Thy heavenly grace, that we turn not again to folly; and give unto us heartily to forgive others, as we beseech Thee to forgive us, and to serve Thee henceforth in newness of life, to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Pardon and Peace.

Almighty God, who hast given Thy Son to be the sacrifice and propitiation for the sins of the whole world; spare Thou them that have confessed their faults unto Thee, and mercifully absolve them from all their sins.

Supplications.

O Father of mercies and God of all grace, who hast called us to Thy kingdom and glory by Christ Jesus, help us to walk worthy of this our high calling, and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Almighty God, who hast ordered our lot and appointed the bounds of our habitation, grant us grace to occupy contentedly and faithfully the stations which Thou in Thy providence hast assigned to us. May we be prudent in ordering our affairs, industrious in performing our duties,

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moderate in our desires, innocent in our enjoyments, careful in redeeming the time, just and compassionate to all with whom we have to do, grateful to friends and benefactors, generous and forgiving to all who injure us.

O God, to whom are known all Thy works from the beginning, who bringest good out of evil, and light out of darkness, we beseech Thee so to order the course of Thy providence towards us that all things may work together for our good, and minister to our growth in righteousness. Above all, so bless to us the means of salvation we enjoy in Thy Church, that, through the channels of Thine ordinances, we may receive grace from our glorified Lord, whereby we may be conformed to His image, and strengthened to do all things which Thou requirest of us.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

Hasten, we entreat Thee, O Lord, the second and glorious appearing of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and grant unto us that, daily looking for that blessed hope, we may not sleep as do others, but may watch and be sober, exercising ourselves unto godliness, and working out our own salvation with fear and trembling; that we, with all Thy saints, may be presented holy and unblamable before the presence of Thy

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glory with exceeding joy; through Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Amen.

II.

The Apostles' Creed.

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And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

O Lord, open Thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

We render thanks unto Thy name, O God,

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most high; for Thou hast created us in Thine own image; Thou hast given us souls to know and love Thee; Thou hast made us but a little lower than the angels; Thou hast supplied all our wants; Thou hast loaded us with Thy benefits; Thou hast caused our cup to run over.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

We have sinned against Thee, but Thou hast spared us; we have wandered from Thee, but Thou hast sought us; we were lost, but Thou hast saved us. O God our Saviour, Thou hast broken our chains, that we might be free; Thou hast healed our diseased souls, that we might not perish: Thou hast enriched us who were poor with the treasures of Thy salvation; Thou hast made us who had nothing to inherit all things; and even now, all things are ours. Therefore, with one heart and with one voice, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; and, with Thy saints on earth and in heaven, we ascribe blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and for ever.

For Illumination.

O God, whose Word is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, grant unto us

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who are here before Thee that we may receive Thy truth into our hearts, in faith and love. By it may we be taught and guided, upheld and comforted; that we be no longer children in understanding, but grow to the stature of perfect men in Christ, and be prepared to every good word and work, to the honour of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

III.

Prayer after Sermon.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast builded Thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; grant that, being illuminated through the words of Thy prophets, and joined

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together in unity of spirit through the doctrine, precepts, and ministry of Thine apostles, we may grow unto a holy temple in the Lord, and may be builded together for Thy habitation, through the Spirit.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

O God, who hast taught us by Thy holy apostle that we should make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to receive these our prayers, which we offer to Thy divine majesty.

Visit Thy Church universal with the joy of Thy salvation. Endow her plenteously with spiritual gifts: preserve her also in truth and peace, in unity and safety, amidst all troubles, and against all temptations and enemies; that she, offering to Thee the never-ceasing sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, may advance the honour of her Lord, and be filled with His Spirit, and partake of His glory.

Enrich with the graces of Thy Spirit those whom Thou hast set apart to minister in holy things; that they may serve Thee with clean hands and pure hearts; that they may be guides to the blind, and comforters to the weary and

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heavy-laden; that they may strengthen the weak and confirm the strong; that they may boldly rebuke sin, and patiently suffer for the truth.

O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth, we pray Thee, labourers fitted to do the work of Thy harvest. Let the Sun of righteousness give light to those who sit in darkness. Let Thy Gospel have free course and be glorified.

Regard with the favour which Thou bearest unto Thine anointed, her most sacred Majesty the Queen. May she rule in Thy fear, be guided and sanctified by Thy Spirit, and be defended by Thine almighty power. Bless also and long preserve Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal House.

Endue with grace, wisdom, and understanding the ministers of state [the members of both Houses of Parliament], and all governors, judges, and magistrates [especially the magistrates of this town]; that in their several offices they may advance Thy glory and the public good; and may the whole body of the people be distinguished by that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

O Thou helper of the helpless, our refuge in the time of trouble, be pleased to hear the cry of Thy persecuted and afflicted people. Speak peace

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to troubled consciences; send consolation to them that are in sorrow; instruct the ignorant, reclaim the erring, and supply the wants of the destitute. We beseech Thee to heal the sick, to ease the pains of the suffering, and to draw nigh in mercy to the dying [especially to any such known to ourselves, whom we name in our hearts before Thee], giving them faith in Thee, through Christ our Lord, in whom whoso believeth shall never die.

Be pleased, O Lord, to remember our kindred, friends, and benefactors; rewarding them with blessings, sanctifying them with Thy grace, and bringing them to Thine everlasting kingdom.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee thanks for all Thy servants departed this life in the true faith of Thy name; humbly entreating Thee to guide and sanctify us by Thy Spirit, that we also, and all Thy people, in due time, may be gathered into Thy Church triumphant, and reign with Christ our Lord in His eternal kingdom.

These things we ask, O heavenly Father, in patient confidence and joyful hope, being assured that we ask them according to Thy will, that the voice of Thy Church is heard by Thee, that the

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intercessions of the Holy Ghost are known unto Thee, and that the mediation of Thy well-beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, doth prevail with Thee.

Wherefore, we glorify Thy name, we fall down before Thy throne, we worship and adore Thy glorious majesty; evermore praising Thee, and saying, Salvation be unto our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Evening Service.

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.

I.

Prayer of Invocation.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.

The Confession.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended

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against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

For Pardon and Peace.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment to His ministers to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins; He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe His holy Gospel; wherefore, let us beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Supplications.

Almighty Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification, grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set

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to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life, grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom: where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

II.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

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was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men [particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for Thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them].

Here may be introduced any other subject for Thanksgiving.

We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And,

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we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

For Illumination.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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III.

Prayer after Sermon.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced any special Prayers, as occasion may require.

Intercessions.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by Thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men, we humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy divine majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord. And grant that all they

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that do confess Thy holy name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors; and specially Thy servant Victoria, our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all pastors and ministers, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy sacraments: and to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy name for all Thy

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servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversary, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all snares and dangers of this night; for the love of Thine only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

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The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

Or—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Book of Common Order.

PART II.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS AND OTHER ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH.

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The Order

for the

Celebration of the Lord's Supper,

or

Holy Communion.

The Service shall be conducted as on other Sundays, except that the Minister may omit the Creed, the Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer. The Prayer after Sermon being ended, the Minister may give this Exhortation—

Dearly beloved,—As we are now about to celebrate the Holy Communion of the body and blood of Christ, let us consider how St Paul exhorteth all persons to examine themselves before they eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a truly penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy

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sacrament (for then we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ, and drink His blood; then we dwell in Christ and Christ in us; we are one with Christ and Christ with us), so is the danger great if we receive the same unworthily. For then we are guilty of the body and blood of Christ our Saviour; we eat and drink our own condemnation, not discerning the Lord's body.

Therefore, in the name of the eternal God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, whose minister I am, I warn all who are not of the number of the faithful, all who live in any sin against their knowledge or their conscience, charging them that they profane not this holy table.

And yet this I pronounce, not to exclude any penitent person, how grievous soever his sins have been, but only such as continue in sin without repentance.

Examine your own consciences, therefore, to know whether you truly repent of your sins, and whether, trusting in God's mercy, and seeking your whole salvation in Jesus Christ, you are resolved to follow holiness, and to live in peace and charity with all men.

If you have this testimony in your hearts before God, I announce and declare that your sins are forgiven through the perfect merit of Jesus Christ our Lord; and I bid you, in His name, to His holy table.

And although you feel that you have not per-

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fect faith, and do not serve God with such zeal as you ought, but have daily to fight against the lusts of your flesh; yet if, by God's grace, you are heartily sorry for these weaknesses, and earnestly desire to withstand all unbelief, and to keep all His commandments, be assured that your remaining sins and infirmities do not prevent you from being received of God in mercy, and so made worthy partakers of this heavenly food.

For we come not to this supper as righteous in ourselves, but we come to seek our life in Christ, acknowledging that we lie in the midst of death. Let us, then, look upon this sacrament as a remedy for those who are sick, and consider that the worthiness our Lord requireth of us is, that we be truly sorry for our sins, and find our joy and salvation in Him. United with Him who is holy, even our Lord Jesus Christ, we are accepted of the Father, and invited to partake of these HOLY THINGS WHICH ARE FOR HOLY PERSONS.

Then the Minister gives out a hymn (35*th Paraphrase*).

The Holy Communion.

While the hymn is being sung, the Minister and Assistants bring in the elements and place them on the Communion Table [*the alms are collected*]; *and the Communicants take their places at the Table.*

Minister.—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

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and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

The Institution.

Minister.—Beloved in the Lord, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by the holy apostle Paul (1 Cor. xi. 23-26): "I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

The Address.

Dearly beloved,—You have heard in what manner the Lord hath instituted His Holy Supper, and how we are to remember Him by it.

Taking and setting apart these elements, by the Word and prayer, to be sacramentally the body and blood of Christ, we must be fully persuaded in our hearts of the mystery of His holy

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incarnation—God manifest in the flesh; that He was chosen by the Father to be Mediator, sent by Him into the world, and assumed our flesh and blood.

That having taken our nature, He endured for us the curse and punishment of sin, and satisfied divine justice; that He was bound that we might be set free; was reviled that we might come to honour; was condemned that we might be acquitted at the judgment-seat of God; yea, that He suffered His blessed body to be nailed to the cross, and bowed His head in death, that we might be accepted of God and raised to life in Him;—and this one offering up of Himself once for all we are to commemorate and show forth in the breaking of bread, with a spiritual oblation of all possible praise unto God for the same.

And as the Lord hath ordained that we are to eat of this bread and drink of this cup, to assure us of our union with Him, and that He giveth us His body and His blood to be our meat and our drink unto life eternal, we are not to doubt His goodness, but to be firmly persuaded that He accomplisheth spiritually in us all that He outwardly exhibits. For the cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? the bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

And as by His death, resurrection, and ascen-

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sion, He hath obtained for us the life-giving Spirit, which, dwelling in Him as the Head, and in us as His members, unites us all in one body, we are to receive this Supper in brotherly love and mindful of the communion of saints. For we, being many, are one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. We are to rejoice in the holy fellowship wherein we have part in the body of Christ, with the faithful patriarchs and prophets of old; the holy apostles and evangelists; the blessed martyrs and confessors; the redeemed of all ages who have died in the Lord, and now live with Him for evermore; our fathers, our brethren, our children, and those who were as our own souls: believing that though our eyes behold them no more, they have not perished, but that as Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him; and that when the day breaks, and the shadows flee away, we shall meet them again in glory and in joy.

And now, that we may fulfil the Saviour's institution with righteousness and joy, let us, in celebrating this sacred service, follow His holy example in word and action.

As the Lord Jesus, the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, I take these elements to be set apart to the holy use and mystery for which He has appointed them;

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Here the Minister may take the paten and the cup into his hand

and as He gave thanks and blessed, let us now draw near to the throne of grace, and present to God our

Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Profession of Faith, Nicene Creed.

Almighty and eternal God, with Thy holy Church throughout all the world,

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father: and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

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And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And we believe one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

[*In place of the foregoing may be substituted the Apostles' Creed, as follows—*

WE BELIEVE in Thee, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ Thine only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.]

Lord, increase our faith.

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Prayer of Access.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who admittest Thy people into such wonderful communion, that, partaking of the body and blood of Thy dear Son, they should dwell in Him, and He in them; we unworthy sinners, approaching Thy presence, and beholding Thy glory, do abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes. We have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, in word, and in deed, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We have broken our past vows, we have dishonoured Thy holy name, and are unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies.

We confess, with the centurion, that we are not worthy that Thou shouldst come under our roof; and acknowledge, with that woman of Canaan, that we deserve not to eat of the crumbs which fall from Thy table.

Yet now, most gracious Father, have mercy upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins; purify us from all uncleanness in spirit and in flesh; enable us heartily to forgive others as we beseech Thee to forgive us; and grant that we may hereafter serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

O God, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify

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us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, drawing near unto Thee in these holy mysteries with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may offer unto Thee a sacrifice in righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

The Eucharistic Prayer.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For by Thy word Thou didst create heaven and earth, and all things therein: Thou didst also, at the first, make man after Thine own image and likeness; and by Thy providence we and all things living are sustained. For all Thy bounties known to us, for all unknown, we give Thee thanks; but chiefly that when, through disobedience, we had fallen from Thee, Thou didst not suffer us to depart from Thee for ever, but hast ransomed us from eternal death, and given us the joyful hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ Thy Son; who, being very and eternal God, dwelling with Thee before all time, in glory and blessedness unspeakable, came down from heaven in perfect love, and became man for us men, and for our salvation.

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Not as we ought, but as we are able, we bless Thee for His holy incarnation; for His life on earth; for His precious sufferings and death upon the cross; for His resurrection from the dead; and for His glorious ascension to Thy right hand.

We bless Thee for the giving of the Holy Ghost; for the sacraments and ordinances of the Church; for the communion of Christ's body and blood; for the great hope of everlasting life, and of an eternal weight of glory.

Thee, mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With angels and archangels, and all the hosts of heaven, we worship and adore Thy glorious name, joining in the everlasting hymn of the cherubim and seraphim, and singing unto Thee:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Invocation.

And we most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious presence, as we do now make that memorial of His most blessed sacrifice which Thy Son hath commanded us to make: and to bless and sanctify with Thy Word and Spirit these Thine own gifts of bread and wine which we set before Thee; that we, receiving

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them, according to our Saviour's institution, in thankful remembrance of His death and passion, may, through the power of the Holy Ghost, be very partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to our salvation and the glory of Thy most holy name.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Minister.—According to the holy institution, example, and command of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, and in remembrance of Him, we do this—WHO, THE SAME NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, TOOK BREAD;

Here he shall take some of the bread into his hands—

AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BRAKE IT,

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Here he shall break the bread—

AND SAID, TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Here he shall himself partake, and shall distribute the bread. Then he shall say—

AFTER THE SAME MANNER ALSO HE TOOK THE CUP,

Here he shall take the cup into his hand—

WHEN HE HAD SUPPED, SAYING, THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD: THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Here the cup is to be given. When all have received, the Minister shall say—

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

If there be more than can be accommodated at one time, the first company of communicants then withdraw, singing the ciii. Psalm, and others take their places—and the service is renewed as before, till all have communicated.

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Exhortation to Thankfulness.

Beloved in the Lord, since the Lord hath now fed our souls at His table, let us praise His holy name with thanksgiving, who hath not spared His own Son, but delivered Him for us all, and given us all things with Him: who commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Let us therefore show forth His praise from this time forth for evermore, glorifying God in our bodies and in our spirits, which are His; ever walking worthy of His grace, and of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Let us Pray.

Prayer of Thanks and Self-Dedication.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we most heartily thank Thee that Thou hast now vouchsafed to feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, and heirs through hope of Thine

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everlasting kingdom. And we beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast before ordained that we should walk in them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer and present ourselves unto Thee, our souls and our bodies, and dedicate ourselves wholly to Thy service, henceforth to live only to Thy glory. Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee: Thou art our God, we will exalt Thee.

Intercession for the Church militant.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and in earth is named, we desire at this time, gathered around Thy holy table, to remember before Thee all with whom we have part in the communion of Thy saints; and we beseech Thee, for the sake of that sacrifice which we have now commemorated, that Thou wouldst receive the intercessions which we offer unto Thy divine majesty.

Look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on Thy Church militant here upon earth.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, unto all who bear office in Thy Church, that they may fulfil their several ministries in Thy fear, and in purity of heart; and to all Thy people, that they may be holy and obedient, and may come

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behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O merciful God, look down upon Thy desolate heritage, upon Thy scattered and divided people. Put away all schisms and heresies from among them; cleanse Thy sanctuary from all defilement of superstition, will-worship, and infidelity, and grant unto all that seek Thee the joy and comfort of the Holy Ghost, and unto Thy whole Church unity and peace.

[Especially we commend unto Thee the pastor of this parish, and the people therein, beseeching Thee to accept and increase their piety and faith.]

We pray for all estates of men in Christian lands; for kings, princes, and governors; for nobles and men of estate, and for all the people; and we beseech Thee so to dispose the affairs of all nations that righteousness and truth may prevail, and that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Especially we pray for our country; for Thy servant her most sacred Majesty Queen Victoria, for Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

Send forth the news of Thy salvation unto the ends of the earth, and turn the hearts of men everywhere, that they may become obedient to the faith.

Vouchsafe unto us seasonable weather; give

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and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth; and save us from war, pestilence, and famine.

Comfort and succour, we beseech Thee, all Thy people who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And especially we commend unto Thee those departing this life: be present to them, in Thy mercy and Thy love, in that last hour when heart and flesh do fail; defend them against the assaults of the devil, and give them such patient hope and confidence that they may joyfully commit their spirits to Thy hands, and do Thou receive them to Thy rest.

Thanks for the Church triumphant.

And rejoicing in the communion of Thy saints, we bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants who have departed in the faith, and who, having accomplished their warfare, are at rest with Thee. We yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for Thy great grace and many gifts bestowed on them who have been the lights of the world in their several generations, beseeching Thee to enable us so to follow their faith and good example, that we with them may finally be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom; when, made like unto Christ, we shall behold Him with unveiled face, rejoicing in His glory; and by Him we, with all Thy Church, holy and unspotted, shall be presented with exceeding joy before the presence of Thy glory.

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Hear us, O heavenly Father, for His sake: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Then may be sung the Song of Simeon.

The Benediction. Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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The Order

for the

Administration of Holy Baptism.

The Minister begins the Service with the following sentence—

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

And then says—

Dearly beloved, attend to the words of the institution of this holy sacrament, as delivered by our Lord and Saviour to His disciples, after His resurrection, and before His ascension to the right hand of God:—

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations,

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baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The sacrament thus instituted is a sign and seal of our ingrafting into Christ, of remission of sin by his blood, and regeneration by His Spirit, of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and by it we are solemnly admitted, by Christ's appointment, into His Church, and enter into an engagement to be the Lord's.

And although our young children do not understand these things, they are not to be excluded from this holy ordinance; for consider what is written in the Gospels:—

"And they brought young children unto Him that He should put His hands on them and pray. And His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

We read also that on the day of Pentecost, when St Peter called upon the people, saying,

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"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," he assured them that the promise pertained not only to them, but also to their children. And as the Lord thus promiseth to be their God, they are in their baptism solemnly engaged to be His people.

It is plainly the duty, therefore, of those who dedicate children to God in this holy sacrament, to make profession of the faith wherein they are to be baptized; and to promise that they shall be trained up in that faith, and in the fear of the Lord.

Then the Minister says to those who present the child—

You therefore will now make those declarations and promises which are required of you.

Do you receive the doctrine of the Christian Faith, whereof we make confession, saying—

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on

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the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?

Ans.—We do.

Do you dedicate this child to be baptized in this faith, and to be thereby engaged to renounce the devil, the world, and the flesh; and do you solemnly promise that *he* shall be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion?

Ans.—We do.

Or—

Do you present this child to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and do you promise that *he* shall be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Ans.—We do.

The Minister then says—

The Lord preserve you and the child, and give you grace faithfully to perform these promises.

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Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, whose dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, gave commandment to His apostles that they should make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; we humbly beseech Thee to bless Thine own ordinance now to be administered, and to ratify in heaven what by Thine appointment we do upon earth.

We dedicate this child to Thee, assured that it is not Thy will that one of these little ones should perish. Look mercifully upon *him*, we beseech Thee, that *he* may receive remission of sin, and be born again of water and of the Holy Ghost. May *his* name be enrolled in the Lamb's book of life, never to be blotted out; and grant that *he* being planted into the likeness of the death and resurrection of Christ, may have the body of sin so destroyed in *him* that *he* may serve Thee in newness of life.

Sanctify this water to the spiritual use for which Thou hast ordained it; and grant, we beseech Thee, that this child now to be baptized therein may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Then the Parent, or other Sponsor, presenting the child at the font or laver (the Congregation standing), the Minister says—

Name this child.

Ans.—N. or N N.

Then the Minister, pronouncing the name aloud, pours or sprinkles water upon the child's face, saying—

N. or *N N.*, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Then the Minister may add—

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with thee.

Amen.

Or—

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Amen.

This child is now received, by Christ's appointment, into His Church, and is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end.

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Let us Pray.

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to receive this child into Thy holy Church, to be a partaker of the inestimable benefits purchased by the blood of Thy dear Son; and we beseech Thee to grant that being ingrafted into Christ the true vine, *he* may evermore abide in Him and receive out of His fulness. As the Lord Jesus hath now in this holy sacrament taken *him* in His arms and blessed *him*, may *he* with heart and mind embrace Christ as *his* Redeemer, and rejoice in Him as all *his* salvation, and all *his* desire. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man. Suffer *him* not to fall away from Thee, but may *he* in due time heartily renew *his* baptismal vows; may *he* witness a good confession, and persevering to the end, obtain a full and final victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Almighty God, by whose blessing mankind is increased, we give Thee thanks on behalf of the parents of this child; and we beseech Thee to grant, that receiving *him* as Thy gift, and being ever mindful of their solemn obligations, they may be diligent and faithful in training *him* up for Thy service and glory. We bless Thee that Thou didst show mercy to Thine hand-

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maiden, and send her deliverance in her time of trouble. May the life which Thou hast spared, and the life which Thou hast given, be precious in Thy sight, preserved by Thy care, and devoted to Thy glory. May Thy peace and blessing rest upon these parents and their home, and may this child [their children] be to them a comfort and a blessing].

Sanctify to all of us the administration of this holy sacrament. We look back with heart-felt gratitude to our own baptism, and we bless Thee for the privileges and benefits conferred therein. We humble ourselves before Thee for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism and our solemn vows. We beseech Thee to cleanse us from all our guilt by the blood of Christ, and to grant that henceforth we may have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, and may walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the

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kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

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The Order
for the
Admission of Catechumens
to the
Confirmation of the Baptismal Vow,
and to the
Participation of the Lord's Supper.

On the day of preparation for the Lord's Supper, after the sermon, the Minister shall say—

Dearly beloved,—We are now about to admit to the Confirmation of their Baptismal Vow, and to the participation of the Lord's Supper, the catechumens who have been under special instruction in the truths of the Gospel, and who are ready to profess publicly the faith into which they were baptized.

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The Minister shall then read their names, and they will come forward and stand in front of the Communion Table.

Addressing the Catechumens, the Minister shall say—

Dearly beloved,—In the days of your infancy you were by holy baptism ingrafted into the Lord Jesus Christ, and engaged to be His. God, in His mercy, has spared you to years of responsibility; and you have now, of your own choice, come forward to own and accept, before God and His Church, the covenant then made on your behalf, to profess your faith in the Lord Jesus, to consecrate yourselves to Him, and thereby to bind yourselves anew to His service.

This is one of the most solemn acts in the Christian's life. I charge you, therefore, to answer with all sincerity, and as in the presence of God, who sees your hearts, the questions which I have now to put to you.

Do you receive the doctrine of the Christian Faith into which you were baptized, whereof we make confession, saying,—

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the

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dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?

Ans.—I do.

Do you ratify and confirm the vow of your baptism, and consecrate yourselves to God as your Father, to Christ as your Saviour, and to the Holy Ghost as your Sanctifier, promising in dependence upon divine aid to serve the Lord, and keep His commandments all the days of your life?

Ans.—I do.

Do you promise to submit yourselves to all the ordinances of Christ, to use faithfully the means of grace, and to give to the relief of the poor, and the furtherance of the gospel, as the Lord may prosper you?

Ans.—I do.

Then the Minister shall say (the Congregation standing)—

In consequence of these declarations and promises, and being satisfied as to your baptism, your Christian knowledge and life, I do now, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, admit you to

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the participation of the Lord's Supper, and to all the privileges of the new covenant.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast formed a Church in the world, and hast promised to perpetuate and protect it to the end of time, we thank Thee for Thy great mercy to these Thy children, and to Thy Church, to which Thou hast given the joy of receiving them into full communion. We thank Thee that from infancy, by holy baptism, they have been incorporated into the kingdom of Christ. We thank Thee for their Christian education, for the exhortation of parents and teachers, and that Thou hast spared them, and given them power this day to own and accept for themselves the covenant of salvation made with them before, in the sacrament of Baptism.

Forgive, O Lord, all the sins which they, in the foolishness of youth, have committed against Thee; and graciously accept them now dedicating themselves to Thee their Lord and God. Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, through the

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Holy Spirit the Comforter, and daily increase in them the manifold gifts of Thy grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. As they have vowed to be Thy servants, help them, Lord, to fulfil their vow, and to remain faithful to Thee. May they bring forth abundantly the fruits of the Spirit, so that Thy Church and people may be comforted and strengthened through them. Defend them from all heresy and schism, from apostasy and unbelief. When they approach Thy holy table, to partake of the most precious body and blood of Christ, may they receive a rich measure of Thy grace. And grant, O most merciful Father, that they may continue steadfast unto the end, and that their portion may be with Thy saints at the second and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee, the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

Then the Minister may add this Exhortation—

Dearly beloved,—Your eternal welfare depends upon the way in which you fulfil the engagements that you have now undertaken. I beseech you, therefore, to remember them throughout your whole life. Admitted to the privilege of full communion in the Church, walk worthy of

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your vocation. Fulfil your part as good soldiers of Christ, and strengthen your brethren, in whose ranks you now take your place. Remember that you are the temples of the Holy Ghost, and the members of Christ, and that you are bound to glorify Him with your bodies and spirits which He hath redeemed. Flee youthful lusts: give yourselves to piety, temperance, charity, and all the Christian graces. Obey those who are over you in the Lord; shun heresy and schism; and labour for the peace and prosperity of the Church.

That you may be enabled to be faithful, seek always the help of God; wait upon all His ordinances; live by His Word; and join watchfulness to prayer.

Thus devoting yourselves to your God and Saviour from your early years, you will find His yoke to be easy, and His burden light. God on His part will bless you. He will give you His peace which passeth all understanding. He will make all things work together for your good, and you will finally receive the crown of life.

Then the Minister shall bless them, saying thus—

The blessing of God Almighty, of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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The Order

for the

Baptism of Adults.

The Minister begins the Service with the following sentence—

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He then asks the person to be baptized—

Do you present yourself for holy baptism, desiring to be ingrafted into the body of Christ?

Ans.—I do.

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Then the Minister says—

Dearly beloved,—Attend to the words of the institution of this holy sacrament as delivered by our Lord and Saviour to His disciples, after His resurrection, and before His ascension to the right hand of God.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The sacrament thus instituted is a sign and seal of our ingrafting into Christ, of remission of sin by His blood, and regeneration by His Spirit, of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and by it we are solemnly admitted, by Christ's appointment, into His Church, and enter into an engagement to be the Lord's.

Hence St Peter, on the day of Pentecost, called upon the people, saying, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

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He then says to the person to be baptized—

Forasmuch, then, as you are desirous of receiving this holy sacrament, it is necessary that you sincerely give answer, before God and His Church, to the questions I have now to ask.

Do you receive the doctrine of the Christian Faith into which you are now to be baptized, whereof we make confession, saying—

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?

Ans.—I do.

Do you, with heartfelt sorrow for your sins, renounce the devil, the world, and the flesh, and consecrate yourself to God as your Father, to Christ as your Saviour, and to the Holy Ghost

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as your Sanctifier, promising in dependence on divine grace to keep His commandments all the days of your life?

Ans.—I do.

Do you promise to submit yourself to all the ordinances of Christ, to use faithfully the means of grace, and to give to the relief of the poor, and the furtherance of the gospel, as the Lord may prosper you?

Ans.—I do.

Or—

Do you therefore desire to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and do you promise to follow Christ, and keep His commandments all the days of your life?

Ans.—I do.

The Minister then says—

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, whose dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, gave commandment to His apostles that they should make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; we humbly beseech Thee

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to bless Thine own ordinance now to be administered, and to ratify in heaven what by Thine appointment we do upon earth.

Look mercifully upon *this person*, we beseech Thee, that *he*, coming to Thy holy baptism, may receive remission of sin, and be born again of water and of the Holy Ghost. May *his* name be enrolled in the Lamb's book of life, never to be blotted out; and grant that *he*, being planted into the likeness of the death and resurrection of Christ, may have the body of sin so destroyed in *him* that *he* may serve Thee in newness of life.

Sanctify this water to the spiritual use for which Thou hast ordained it; and grant, we beseech Thee, that *this person* now to be baptized therein may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then the Minister asks the name of the Catechumen, and having caused him to kneel down, baptizes him, saying—

N. or *N N.*, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

He then blesses the person baptized, thus—

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and

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body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

He then says—

This person is now received by Christ's appointment into His Church, to be a partaker of the Lord's Supper, and of all the privileges of the new covenant, and is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end.

Let us Pray.

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to deliver *this Thy servant* from the power of darkness, and to incorporate *him* into Thy holy Church, to be a partaker of the inestimable benefits purchased by the blood of Thy dear Son; and we beseech Thee to grant that being now ingrafted into Christ, the true vine, *he* may evermore abide in Him, and receive out of His fulness. Suffer *him* never to lose the grace of baptism, or to fall away from Thee, but may *he* fight the good fight of the faith, and constantly persevere in *his* holy profession.

Strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, through the Holy Spirit the Comforter, and daily increase in *him* the manifold gifts of Thy grace, the spirit of

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wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. As *he* has vowed to be Thy servant, help *him*, Lord, to fulfil *his* vow, and to remain faithful to Thee. May *he* bring forth abundantly the fruits of the Spirit, so that Thy Church and people may be comforted and strengthened through *him*. Defend *him* from all heresy and schism, from apostasy and unbelief. When *he* approaches Thy holy table, to partake of the most precious body and blood of Christ, may *he* receive a rich measure of Thy grace. And grant, O most merciful Father, that *he* may continue steadfast unto the end, and that *his* portion may be with Thy saints at the second and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sanctify to all of us the administration of this holy sacrament. We look back with gratitude to our own baptism, and bless Thee for the privileges and benefits conferred therein. We humble ourselves before Thee for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism and our solemn vows. But we beseech Thee to cleanse us from all our guilt by the blood of Christ, and to grant that henceforth, drawing strength from His death and resurrection for the mortifying of sin, and the quickening of grace, we may have our conversation in righteousness, and may walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

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Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Then the Minister may add an Exhortation, as at p. 186.

Then the Minister shall bless him, saying thus—

The blessing of God Almighty, of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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The Order

for the

Solemnization of Matrimony.

[*At the entrance of the Bride a hymn may be sung.*]

The persons to be married being present in the Church with a sufficient number of witnesses, the man standing on the right hand and the woman on the left, the Minister shall say—

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, mercifully pardon all our sins, and lift on us the light of Thy countenance as we come unto Thee in His name, in whom all the families of the earth are blessed.

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And as we now celebrate one of the holy ordinances of Thy Church, grant that we may enjoy Thy favour and loving-kindness, which are better than life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dearly beloved,—We are here gathered together in the sight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in the bonds of matrimony, which is a holy estate instituted by God in the time of man's innocency; which was beautified and adorned by our Lord's gracious presence and first miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee; which is commended by St Paul as honourable in all, and consecrated as signifying unto us the mystical union that subsists between Christ and His Church.

It is therefore not to be entered on lightly, nor unadvisedly; but thoughtfully, reverently, and in the fear of God, with due consideration of the reasons for which it was ordained, and the duties which it imposes.

It was ordained for the mutual good, society, and comfort of man and woman, that each should be the help meet for the other.

It was ordained for the continuance of the holy ordinance of family life, and that children, who are the heritage of the Lord, should be duly nurtured and trained up in godliness and piety.

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It was ordained for the welfare of the state and human society, which tend to be strong and happy wheresoever the marriage bond is held in honour, but are ready to perish wheresoever the same is dishonoured.

The duty therefore which the estate of marriage chiefly imposes is mutual love and reverence between man and wife, with mutual devising of the solace and welfare required by both: which duty is plainly set forth in God's holy Word, wherein it is said, in St Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians,—

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church: and He is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church: for we are

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members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

Into this holy estate these two persons are now come to be joined.

Therefore if any man can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now declare the same.

Then speaking to the persons that are to be married, he shall say—

Also I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their marriage lawful.

If no impediment be alleged or confessed, the Minister shall say—

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Forasmuch as no one speaketh, let us invoke the blessing of God on the union now to be formed.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we Thy sinful and unworthy children praise Thee for all the gifts of Thy providence, and for all the bounties of Thy grace. Especially do we at this time thank Thee for the institution of marriage, and that Thou hast made it to be honourable in all. We thank Thee that the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride are still heard in the land. And we humbly beseech Thee graciously to send down Thy blessing upon Thy servant and Thy handmaid who are about to be joined together according to Thy holy institution and ordinance. As Thou hast brought them together by Thy providence, sanctify them by Thy Spirit, giving them a new frame of heart, fit for their new estate, and enriching them with all grace, whereby they may perform the duties, enjoy the comforts, undergo the cares, and resist the temptations, which accompany that condition, as becometh Christians. May they enter into the marriage covenant in Thy fear, and truly keep the vows which they are about to make, according to Thy Word. Grant this, O our Father, with the for-

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giveness of all our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then the Minister shall say—

As a seal to the holy vow which you are about to make, give each other the right hand; and say after me—

He shall then cause the man, holding the woman by the right hand, to repeat these words—

I, *A.*, do take thee, *C.*, to be my married wife; and do, in the presence of God, and before this congregation, promise and covenant to be a loving and faithful husband unto thee, until God shall separate us by death.

Then the woman, holding the man by the right hand, shall say—

I, *C.*, do take thee, *A.*, to be my married husband; and do, in the presence of God, and before this congregation, promise and covenant to be a loving, faithful, and obedient wife unto thee, until God shall separate us by death.

[*The Minister may then add—*

In token of fidelity to these vows, this ring is given and received.

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Then the man shall place the ring on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand.]

Then the Minister shall say—

Forasmuch as you have covenanted together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and these witnesses, I pronounce you to be husband and wife; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Those whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Then shall he bless them.

Almighty God, who at the beginning did create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and did sanctify and join them in marriage, pour down upon you the riches of His grace, sanctify and bless you that you may please Him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end.

Amen.

Then the Minister may add an exhortation, or short sermon, and thereafter shall say—

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Let us Pray.

O GOD, the author and giver of all good things, who hast consecrated this estate of marriage, and made it holy, by Thine own institution and blessing, and by the mystery whereby it sets forth the union of the Church with Jesus Christ, her great Husband and Head; let Thy blessing, we humbly entreat Thee, descend and rest upon these Thy servants, who have now been joined together. Grant unto them health, peace, and prosperity. May they dwell together in unity and love all the days of their life. [Give them a lasting posterity, and bless them in their children.] Give them of the dew of heaven above and of the fatness of the earth below; fill their dwelling with corn and wine and oil, and all good things, that they may have for the supply of their own wants and for the relief of him that needeth. And, above all things, O Lord, we pray Thee to enrich their souls with Thy heavenly grace, that they may obey and serve Thee all their days, walking in the steps of Jesus Christ Thy Son, and adorning His doctrine; that, finally, when the joys and sorrows, and all the good and evil, of this transitory world are ended, they may inherit Thy promises, and be made partakers of eternal joy in Thy glorious kingdom, where they neither

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marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

O Lord Almighty, who dost invite us all, in Thy Gospel, to the great marriage-supper of Thy Son, so incline our hearts by Thy good Spirit, that we may yield obedience to Thy gracious call and come to the wedding; and may we, each one, be so clothed in the garments of righteousness and true holiness, that we may be accepted of Thee, and may sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all Thy saints, to enjoy for ever that banquet of unutterable felicity, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

O Thou, whose only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, did manifest forth His glory by turning water into wine at that marriage in Cana of Galilee which He beautified with His presence, turn, we pray Thee, the water into wine, to us Thy servants; that all our temporal mercies, being sanctified to us, may become spiritual blessings, and means of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us

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this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Here Psalm lxvii. or cxxviii. may be said or sung, after which the Minister shall say—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Visitation of the Sick.

The following Prayers may be used in the Visitation of the Sick.

Responses may be made or not, as is most convenient, and where requisite to the sense, may be made by the Minister.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers. Spare us, good Lord; spare Thy servant before Thee, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Spare him, *O Lord.*

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By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation;

Good Lord, deliver him.

By Thine agony and bloody sweat; by Thy cross and passion; by Thy precious death and burial; by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;

Good Lord, deliver him.

In the time of *his* tribulation; in the moment of death; in the day of judgment;

Good Lord, deliver him.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to strengthen, comfort, and help Thy servant, and to beat down Satan under *his* feet.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon *him*, and to grant *him* true repentance, and to forgive *him* all *his* sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue *him* with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Spare him.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant unto him *Thy peace.*

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Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon him.

Here may follow the reading of some suitable portion of Scripture, as—

Psalms xxiii., xxxiii., xxxviii., xlii., li., lxxi., cxxx., cxxxix.
Isaiah xxxviii., xl. 1-11, *lii.* 13-15, *and liii., lv.* 1-3, 6-13, *lvii.* 15-21.
Ezekiel xviii. 23-32.
Luke xv.
John iii. 14-21.
Romans v. 1-11, *viii.* 14-39.
2 *Cor. iv.* 14-18. *v.* 10-21.
Philip. ii. 5-16.
Hebrews xii. 1-11.
1 *Peter v.* 6-11.
1 *John iv.* 9-21.
Rev. vii. 9-17, *xxi.* 1-7.

After which may be offered one or more of the following Prayers, together with such special supplications as are requisite, according to the circumstances of the sick person.

1.

LOOK down, O Lord our Redeemer, on this Thy servant, who calleth upon Thee [and bring Thou up again *his* life from the gates of the grave]. We beseech Thee, relieve *his* languishing [heal *his* anguish], expel and put away all pain of heart and body; and of Thy mercy vouchsafe to *him* health and soundness, both of body and soul; that so *he* may be preserved to Thy Church, and be strengthened to do all Thy will during the time which Thou shalt prolong to *him* on the earth. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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2.

O LORD our God, who art the physician of our souls and of our bodies; who chastenest and again Thou healest; we beseech Thee mercifully to look upon Thy servant, who seeketh in faith the blessing of renewed life at Thy hands. O Thou, who didst send Thy Son Jesus Christ to bear our sicknesses and carry our sorrows; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord have mercy upon this Thy servant, and give unto *him* to experience Thy healing power and virtue, both in *his* body and in *his* soul and spirit. Into Thy hands we commit *him;* unto Thy gracious mercy and protection we commend the keeping of *his* soul and body, as unto a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour. And unto Thee we ascribe all glory, unto the Father, unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O LORD God, in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind; regard with tender compassion this Thy servant, whom it hath pleased Thee to visit with bodily affliction and disease. Be graciously

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near to *him* in the hour of *his* need. Grant unto *him*, we beseech Thee, true repentance for all *his* sins, a firm and steady trust in the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and grace to be in perfect charity with all men. Enable *him* to cast all *his* cares on Thee, and to yield *himself* with childlike submission to Thy righteous will.

God of all power and grace, bless, we entreat Thee, the means used for *his* recovery; rebuke the violence of disease, and raise *him* up from *his* bed of pain, that being delivered by Thy compassion *he* may walk before Thee in newness of life. But if, O most wise and merciful Father, this sickness should be unto death; grant *him*, we humbly implore Thee, a comfortable release from all his sufferings. Let the arms of Thine everlasting love be around *him*, and when flesh and heart shall fail, be Thou the strength of *his* heart and *his* portion for evermore; through the mediation and merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

4.

MERCIFUL Father, who hast taught us in Thy holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, look with com-

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passion, we beseech Thee, on Thy servant whom we remember in our prayers.

Sanctify to *him* Thy fatherly correction, that it may yield in *him* the peaceable fruits of righteousness. Work in *him* true repentance towards Thee, and faith unfeigned towards the Lord Jesus Christ, so that *he* may obtain forgiveness of *his* sins, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified. Teach *him* to submit with meekness to Thy will; comfort *him* with a persuasion of Thy favour; support *him* with the hope of eternal life.

We earnestly pray that, if it seem good to Thee, Thou wouldst bless the means employed for *his* recovery, that *his* sufferings may be relieved, *his* health restored, and *his* days prolonged to serve Thee on the earth. But if Thou hast appointed that this sickness shall be unto death, prepare *him*, O God, to depart in peace, and mercifully receive *him* into those blessed mansions which Thou art reserving in heaven for the faithful.

Grant these requests, O Father, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

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5.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of them that truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more; regard with Thine eye of mercy this Thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailty; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of Thy holy Church, and strengthen *him* continually with Thy divine and quickening Spirit, that *he* may abide Thy faithful servant unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

6.

When the Holy Communion is administered.

O HOLY Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, by whose providence our bodies are nourished and sustained, and who upholdest the frailty of our moral nature by the inspiration of Thy heavenly grace; look down upon Thy servant, and visit *him* with Thy salvation, and vouch-

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safe to *him* in this Holy Communion the medicine of *his* soul: through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

7.

For a Sick Person troubled in Mind or in Conscience.

MOST merciful Saviour, who, when hanging on the cross, didst grant repentance and faith to the dying thief, and hast assured us in Thy holy Word that Thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that whosoever cometh unto Thee Thou wilt in no wise cast out; look down, we beseech Thee, in tender compassion upon *him*, who now looks up to Thee from *his* bed of suffering and distress. Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon *him*. Hear *his* prayer, and wash *him* from *his* sins in Thy most precious blood. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal the maladies of *his* soul. Break not the bruised reed, and quench not the smoking flax. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken

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may rejoice. Deliver *him* from the fear of the Enemy, and lift up the light of Thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace.

Hear us, merciful Saviour, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

8.

In long-continued Sickness.

MOST merciful Father, we fall down before Thee, beseeching Thee to bless this Thy servant, whom it hath pleased Thee to try with long-continued sickness. May this tribulation work in *him* patience, and may patience have its perfect work, so that *he* may be able to cast *himself* wholly and without one rebellious wish upon Thy all-wise and all-holy will. If *his* days and nights must pass in weariness and painfulness, save him from murmuring and repining. If *his* heart faint within *him*, and *he* be cast down in lowness of spirit, let *him* say, What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee. If *his* chastisement be long and grievous to be borne, let it yield in *him* the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Give *him* holy consolations in *his* sufferings. Quicken in *him* a clear faith to look beyond the things which

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are seen. Kindle in *him* a bright hope to cheer the darkest hours. And may *he* at last come forth from the furnace of affliction as gold tried in the fire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

9.

For a Sick Child.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercy's sake; that, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* unto those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake, in the name of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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10.

For the Aged.

O HEAVENLY Father, who didst bless Thine aged servants Simeon and Anna, suffering them to behold with their eyes the Saviour of the world and to see Thy salvation; bless, we humbly pray Thee, this Thy servant in *his* latter days. Give *him* a clear knowledge of *his* Saviour, and a sure faith in that Saviour's merits and sacrifice. Let not *his* mind be clouded over with doubts or darkness. May the path be as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. May *his* end be calm and blessed. Suffer *him* not at the last from any pains of death to fall from Thee. Guide Thou *him* through the valley of the shadow of death. And may *he* pass joyfully from the weakness and weariness of this mortal life to a blessed rest; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

11.

A Thanksgiving for the Beginning of a Recovery.

ALMIGHTY God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; we bless Thy wonderful goodness for having turned our heavi-

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ness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Thy name that Thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy will; and at last didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure; that, being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Thine house, to offer Thee an oblation with great gladness, and to bless Thy holy name for all Thy goodness towards *him;* through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

12.

Thanksgiving for Recovery.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we yield Thee hearty thanks in behalf of Thy servant, who desires to make acknowledgment of Thy goodness to *him*, that it hath pleased Thee to grant *him* deliverance from that grievous trouble with which *he* was afflicted.

We bless Thee that though *he* was brought

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low Thou hast helped *him;* though *he* was sorely chastened and corrected, Thou hast not given *him* over unto death. Blessed be Thou, O God, who hast not turned away *his* prayer, nor Thy mercy from *him.*

Let not the serious impressions that were made upon *him,* and the holy resolutions which *he* formed, be allowed to pass away. But teach *him* at all times to give earnest heed to the things which belong unto *his* peace. Preserve in *his* mind a constant sense of *his* obligations to love and serve Thee. And give *him* Thy grace, whereby *he* may be enabled faithfully to render to Thee that which *he* hath vowed.

Keep us all mindful, we beseech Thee, of the manifold mercies Thou hast graciously conferred upon us, and grant that, remembering how much we owe to Thee, we may present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Thee, which is our reasonable service.

Graciously hear us, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son; to whom, with Thee and the ever-blessed Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, by us and every creature, all honour, power, praise, and thanksgiving, throughout all ages.

Amen.

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13.

For a Departing Soul.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect; we humbly commend our departing *brother* into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour; beseeching Thee that *his* soul may be precious in Thy sight. Wash *him*, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements *he* may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and wicked world, through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, *he* may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. Vouchsafe to *him* a quiet passage, and guide *him* through the valley of the shadow of death. Place *him* in the habitations of light and peace, in the company of Thy saints and faithful people who are gone before; and in the resurrection of the just do Thou make *him* partaker of the heavenly inheritance, there to reign with Thy holy apostles, with the goodly company of prophets and martyrs, and with all Thy saints in glory and blessedness, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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The service may be closed with this Benediction—

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth and under the earth, do bow, and obey, be now and for evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace, both now and evermore.

Amen.

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The Order

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Service at the House or Church.

The Minister may begin the service at the house, or church, with one or more of these sentences—

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

All flesh is grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

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At the Burial of a Child.

It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

For I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

Then shall be read one or more of the following Psalms, before which the Minister shall say—

Let us hear the Word of God, written for our admonition and comfort.

Psalm xxxix.

I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

I was dumb with silence; I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show;

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surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because Thou didst it.

Remove Thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of Thine hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm xc.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

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For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of Thine anger? even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

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Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice; let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning; I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Here shall be read one or more of the Lessons following.

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1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

[Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. For He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For He hath put all things under His feet. But when He saith, All things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted which did put all things under Him. And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.]

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. [All flesh

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is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory.] So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. [And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.] Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment,

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in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 *Thess.* iv. 13.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,

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with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly, that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken, are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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At the Burial of a Child.

2 *Sam.* xii. 18.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

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Mark x. 13.

And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Job i. 21.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

Then may follow one or more of these Prayers.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who sendest forth Thy Spirit and we are created, and who takest away our breath, and we die and return to the dust, we bow with reverence before Thy inscrutable judgments; remembering that Thou who orderest all things according to Thine own will in heaven and earth, art also our merciful and loving Father, who dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but dost correct us, that we may be partakers of Thy

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holiness. We would therefore be subject unto Thee, saying, The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

We humble ourselves before the face of Thy Divine Majesty, acknowledging that we are guilty in Thy sight; for we have sinned and done wickedly, both we and our fathers: and the wages of sin is death.

But blessed be Thy name, O God, that in Thine unspeakable love Thou didst send Thy well-beloved Son into this world to be our Saviour, that even as sin had reigned unto death, so grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord.

And for His sake we beseech Thee to have pity upon us, and to grant us true repentance and remission of all our sins. Give us grace to lay to heart this and every warning of Thy providence. Cleanse us from all our iniquities: deliver us from the dominion of sin, that we may be delivered from the fear and the power of death; and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, that whether we live, we may live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we may die unto the Lord; whether we live or die, may we be the Lord's.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, look down in tender love and pity upon Thy bereaved servants whose joy is turned into

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mourning, so that, while they mourn, they may not murmur, or faint under Thy rod; but, remembering all Thy mercies, Thy promises, and Thy love in Christ, may resign themselves meekly into Thy hands, to be taught and disciplined by Thee. Convert them wholly to Thyself, and fill their desolate hearts with Thy love, that they may cleave more closely to Thee, who bringest life out of death, and who canst turn their grief into eternal joy.

Here may be introduced such special Prayers or Petitions as are proper to the occasion.

MERCIFUL God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for all Thy servants who are fallen asleep in the Lord, and have received the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls.

For all Thy goodness and mercy vouchsafed to them in their earthly pilgrimage, we give Thee praise and thanks.

We magnify Thy name, O God, our Father and their Father, that their trials and temptations being ended, sickness and death being past, their spirits are at rest with Thee, and their bodies await the resurrection of the just.

Grant that, being animated by their good examples, we may run the race that is set before us; not being weary in well-doing, or fainting

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when we are rebuked of Thee; that when this transitory world is passed away, we may again be joined with our dear friends, departed in the Lord, in Thy kingdom of glory, where there shall be no more sickness or sighing, pain, sorrow, or death, for the former things shall have passed away.

Amen.

And now be Thou with us as we follow to the house appointed for all living the body of our dear *brother* here departed, not sorrowing as those who have no hope; but believing, that as Jesus died and rose again, so them that sleep in Jesus Thou wilt bring with Him.

These things we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was dead and is alive for evermore, and hath taught us thus to pray—

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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After the Prayer, a Psalm or Hymn may be sung, after which the Minister shall say—

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Service at the Grave.

I.

When the body has been brought to the grave, the Minister may say—

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour,

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deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

When the body has been laid in the grave he shall say—

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, of His great mercy, to take unto Himself the soul of our dear *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto His glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.[1]

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead

[1] *At the burial of the dead at sea, instead of these words,* We therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, &c., *shall be said,* We therefore commit *his* body to the deep, to be turned into corruption, looking for the resurrection of the body (when the sea shall give up her dead), and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who at His coming shall change our vile body, &c.

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which die in the Lord: even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world, beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true

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faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thine eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us by His holy apostle St Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him; we meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the

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love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

II.

Instead of the foregoing, the service following may be used at the grave.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

After the body has been laid in the grave, the Minister shall say—

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast been pleased to call out of this sinful and dying world the soul of our *brother* here

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departed, we commit *his* body to the ground,[1] earth to earth, dust to dust, till that great day when earth and sea shall give up their dead, and when the Lord Jesus shall change our vile bodies, that they may be fashioned like unto His own glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

O most merciful God, we Thine unworthy servants beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, to have pity upon us.

From the borders of the grave, we cry to Thee; for Christ's sake, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of

[1] *If at sea, the Minister shall say* to the deep, *instead of* to the ground.

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a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with Thee, our God; and in perfect charity with the world.

Almighty God, who by the death of Thy Son hast destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the grave, and by His resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light; receive our unfeigned thanks for that great victory over death and the grave which He hath obtained for us; and hasten, we beseech Thee, His second and glorious appearing, at whose coming Thy saints departed shall be raised, and those that are alive and remain shall be changed, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Hear us for His sake.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great

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Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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The Order

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Ordination of Ministers.

Divine Service shall be celebrated according to the usual order, or to such special order as the Presbytery may judge proper, by one or more Ministers appointed for the purpose. After the Psalm or Hymn following the Sermon, the presiding Presbyter may proceed thus—

Let us Pray.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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The Candidate for ordination [or in the induction of a Minister, the Minister elect], his name being distinctly announced, shall here present himself before the Presbytery: whereupon the presiding Presbyter shall address the Congregation as follows—

Dearly beloved in the Lord,—Almighty God, who hath called us together into His holy Church, hath given unto us all, both ministers and people, our common interests in its welfare. For this reason it is the practice of the Church that, in the ordination of those who are called to the office of the holy ministry, a narrative should be read, setting forth the steps which have been taken by the Presbytery preparatory to the solemn act about to be fulfilled.

Or, when a minister is inducted: in the induction of such as are called to a specific pastoral charge.

Here shall follow the reading of a narrative, previously approved by the Presbytery: concluding with these words—

All having accordingly been thus far done in this matter as is required by the law and usage of the Church, the Presbytery will now proceed to ordain the said A. B. to the holy ministry, and thereafter to induct and admit him to the office of pastor over this (parish), church, and congregation, so soon as he shall have an-

Or, when a minister is inducted: to induct and admit the said A. B.

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swered satisfactorily the questions authoritatively appointed.

The presiding Presbyter shall here address the Candidate, and say—

Dearly beloved brother,—In order that we may be fully assured of your faith and integrity of purpose, and that you may yourself also the better realise the responsibilities under which you are about to be placed, we call upon you to make answer plainly to these following questions, which we now propose to you by the authority of the Church.

Then the Candidate shall answer the following questions, appointed by the Church to be put to those who are to be ordained to the ministry, or admitted to any charge—

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners?

Answer—I do.

2. Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approven by the General Assemblies of this Church, and ratified by law in the year 1690, to be founded upon the Word of God; and do you acknowledge the same as the confession of your faith; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of

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your power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the purity of worship as presently practised in this national Church, and asserted in Act 15, Assembly 1707, entitled, Act against innovations in the worship of God?

Answer—I do.

3. Do you disown all Popish, Arian, Socinian, Arminian, Bourignian, and other doctrines, tenets, and opinions whatsoever, contrary to or inconsistent with the foresaid Confession of Faith?

Answer—I do.

4. Are you persuaded that the Presbyterian government and discipline of this Church are founded upon the Word of God, and agreeable thereto, and do you promise to submit to the said government and discipline, and to concur with the same, and never to endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof, but to the utmost of your power, in your station, to maintain, support, and defend the said discipline and Presbyterian government by kirk-sessions, presbyteries, provincial synods, and General Assemblies, during all the days of your life?

Answer—I so believe and promise.

5. Do you promise to submit yourself willingly and humbly, in the spirit of meekness, unto the admonitions of the brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them and all other Presbyteries, and superior judicatories of

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this Church, where God in His providence shall cast your lot: and that according to your power you shall maintain the unity and peace of this Church against error and schism, notwithstanding of whatever trouble or persecution may arise; and that you shall follow no divisive course from the present established doctrine, worship, discipline, and government of this Church?

Answer—I do.

6. Are not zeal for the honour of God, love to Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls your great motives and chief inducements to enter into the function of the holy ministry, and not worldly designs and interest?

Answer—They are.

7. Have you used any undue methods, either by yourself or others, in procuring this call?

Answer—I have not.

8. Do you engage, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master, to rule well your own family, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to discharge all the parts of the ministerial work, to the edification of the body of Christ?

Answer—I do.

The following question is to be put only when the person ordained is also to be invested with the office of Pastor over the Congregation present.

9. Do you accept of, and close with, the call

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to be pastor of this parish, and promise through grace to perform all the duties of a faithful minister of the Gospel among this people?

Answer—I do.

The questions having been answered, the Minister may say—

ALMIGHTY God accept and bless thee, and pour down upon thee the benediction of His divine and quickening Spirit, that those things which thou hast purposed in thine heart thou mayest be enabled to fulfil, to the glory of His holy name, and the edifying of His Church. Peace be with thee.

Amen.

Here the Congregation may be desired, secretly in their Prayers, to make their humble supplications to God: the Minister saying—

Let us now lift up our hearts in silent supplication to Almighty God.

Thereafter there shall be silence kept for a space. Then shall be sung the Hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus—

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

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Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of Thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee of both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:
Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Or—

COME, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
And visit all the souls of Thine:
Thou hast inspired our hearts with life;
Inspire them now with life divine.

Thou art the Comforter, the gift
Of God most high; the fire of love,
The everlasting spring of joy
And holy unction from above.

Thy gifts are manifold; Thou writ'st
God's laws in every faithful heart;
The promise of the Father, Thou
Dost heavenly eloquence impart.

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Enlighten our dark souls till they
  Thy love, Thy heavenly love embrace;
And since we are by nature frail,
  Assist us with Thy saving grace.

Drive far from us the mortal foe,
  And grant us to have peace within;
That, with Thy light and guidance blest,
  We may escape the snares of sin.

Teach us the Father to confess,
  And Son, who from the grave revived;
And with the Father and the Son,
  Thee, Holy Ghost, from both derived.

With Thee, O Father, therefore may
  The Son, who was from death restored,
And sacred Comforter, one God,
  To endless ages be adored!

Amen.

The presiding Presbyter shall then descend from the pulpit. The Candidate shall be directed to kneel, and the presiding Presbyter, the other Presbyters standing around him, shall say—

Let us pray, my beloved brethren, to God the Father Almighty, that He may be pleased to bestow His heavenly gifts upon this His servant whom He hath called to the office of the holy ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Then shall be offered this Prayer—

ALMIGHTY God, most merciful Father, who of Thine infinite goodness hast given Thine only Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer and the Author of everlasting life; and hast exalted Him unto Thy right hand, from whence, according to Thy will, He hath sent down the Holy Ghost, and given gifts unto men, making some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers, for the edifying and perfecting of His body the Church; send down, we pray Thee, the Holy Ghost upon this Thy servant, whom we, in Thy name, and in obedience to Thy most blessed will, do now, by the imposition of our hands,

Here the presiding Presbyter shall lay his hands upon the head of the Candidate, the other Presbyters also laying on their right hands severally.

ordain and appoint to be a Presbyter in Thy Church, committing unto him authority to minister Thy Word and Sacraments. Grant unto him, O merciful Father, such fulness of Thy grace that he may be a faithful and wise steward whom Thou settest over Thy household, using the authority Thou givest him not unto destruction but unto salvation; that he may be a true preacher of righteousness; a faithful leader of the blind, and of them that are out of the way;

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a light unto those that are in darkness; a watchful guardian over Thy fold, and a follower of the true Shepherd who giveth His life for the sheep. So may he in all things fulfil his ministry unblamably and unreprovably in Thy sight, that he may be prepared to stand, without shame, before the judgment-seat of Christ, and thus finishing his course with joy, be received into glory and immortality in Thine eternal kingdom, where they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

The person ordained then rising from his knees, the Gloria Patri (*or other suitable Doxology*) *may be sung.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Thereafter the presiding Presbyter, and the other Presbyters in succession, shall give the newly ordained Minister the right hand of fellowship, saying—

We give thee the right hand of fellowship to take part with us in this ministry.

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If the person ordained is, at the same time to be instituted, by Act of Presbytery, to the office of Pastor of a Church, or any other office, the presiding Presbyter shall add these words, naming the particular office—

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by appointment of this Presbytery, I receive and admit you to the office of

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you always.

Amen.

Thereafter the presiding Presbyter shall give this, or the like, solemn charge to the newly ordained Minister; and, if he is at the same time inducted as a Pastor, to the People present, setting forth their respective duties, from the Word of God—

Dearly beloved brother, — Forasmuch as the burden and responsibility of the holy ministry have now been laid upon you, it is our part solemnly to remind you how great is the dignity of the office, and how weighty and momentous also are the duties which it involves.

The office is of divine origin. It proceeds directly from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, as the fruit of His resurrection and triumphant ascension into heaven; and by it He designs to carry forward the purposes of His grace upon the earth, in the salvation of men, through the Church, to the end of time.

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All power, we hear Him saying, after He had risen from the dead, is given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

To this answers in full what is written also by St Paul: Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Now that he ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Consider well, dear brother in Christ, how much all this means, as declaring and setting forth the true nature and significance of the holy office. The first ministers were the apostles, who were called and commissioned immediately by Jesus Christ Himself. They in turn ordained

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and set apart other suitable men, as pastors and teachers over the churches which they had gathered and established in different places; and these again, in the same way, appointed and sent forth others to carry onward and forward still the true succession of this office; which, being regularly transmitted in this way from age to age in the Christian Church, has come down finally to our time. The solemnity of ordination is not merely an impressive ceremony, by which the right of such as are called of God to the ministry is owned and confessed by the Church; but it is to be considered rather as our actual investiture with the very power of the office itself, and as a symbolical assurance from on high that our consecration to the service of Christ has been accepted, and that the Holy Ghost will most certainly be with us in the faithful discharge of all our ministerial acts and duties.

These duties, further, are of the same order with the high origin of the office and its glorious design. The ministers of Christ are set in the world to be at once the representatives of His authority and the ambassadors of His grace. As my Father hath sent Me, He says, even so send I you. He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me. Let a man account of us, says St Paul, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries

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of God. Again: We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us. To us, therefore, as ministers of Christ, it belongs, in virtue of the power of our office, to baptize; to preach the gospel of reconciliation; to celebrate the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper; to dispense the other divine mysteries; to bless the people from God; to pray for them; to offer before God continually the supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings of His people; to feed, to instruct, to watch over and guide the sheep and lambs of His flock, whom He hath purchased with His own blood. We are also charged with the government of His Church, and with the proper use of its discipline, remedial and judicial, according to that mysterious and solemn word: I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.

Such, then, being the character of the office to which you are now ordained, beloved brother in the Lord, and such the high and arduous nature of its duties, it is easy to see with what seriousness and godly fear, with what solemn forethought, with what holy caution you should engage in it, and with how great care and study also you ought to apply yourself, that you may appear hereafter to have been worthy of being put into the Chris-

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tian ministry, by being found faithful to its mighty trust.

[Know, at the same time, that for this you are by no means sufficient of yourself. All proper sufficiency here is from God alone, to whom, therefore, you should pray earnestly, through the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost, that, giving yourself wholly to this office, with daily meditation and study of the Scriptures, you may be able to make full proof of your ministry, being nourished up in the words of faith and good doctrine, and showing yourself a pattern to others in piety and godly living. "In doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away, through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord: unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, three persons and one God, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion, and blessing, now, henceforth and for ever.]

Amen.

When the Minister ordained is at the same time inducted as a Pastor, the preceding paragraph is to be omitted, and the charge may proceed as follows—

I therefore do now charge and exhort thee, dearly beloved brother, in the words of the holy

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apostles of our Lord and Saviour, to take heed unto thyself and unto all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made thee a bishop, to feed the Church of Christ, which He hath purchased with His own blood. Love Christ and feed His flock: taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lord over God's heritage, but being an ensample to the flock. Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Endure thou hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. And forasmuch as all proper sufficiency is from God only, I exhort thee, finally, to continue in prayer, through the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the perpetual assistance of the Holy Ghost. Thus shalt thou both save thyself and those that hear thee, and in that day when the chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory which fadeth not away.

AND now, addressing ourselves to you, dearly beloved members of this congregation: Ye have heard the solemn vows which your pastor has

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taken upon him: ye have heard the obligations which have been laid upon him as set to be the Lord's minister to you. We do, therefore, the more earnestly and affectionately exhort and entreat you on your part to reverence and uphold him as your minister in the Lord, placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, to lead and guide you according to His will. Wait on the word and ordinances which he hath been ordained to administer, as being the word and ordinances of Christ Jesus. Seek the blessing and counsel of the Lord at his hands. Judge not the faithfulness of the Lord, at any time, by the unworthiness and weakness of His servant. Uphold him by your love and service. Grudge not your tithes and offerings for the provision of the Lord's house. Ceaselessly remember your minister in your prayers, and entreat for him and for yourselves the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, that it may be given to you to know what the will of the Lord is, and to fulfil it while the day of grace abides: so that at the appearing of the Lord Jesus, you may all, pastor and people, be presented by Him before the presence of the Father, a glorious flock, in the unity of the one body, holy and unspotted, with exceeding joy: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, three persons and one God, be all honour and glory, might, majesty, dominion, and power, now, henceforth and for ever.

Amen.

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When the Minister ordained is at the same time inducted as a Pastor, the presiding Presbyter shall, after the charge, thus proceed, addressing the Congregation—

Let us now pray, beloved brethren, unto God, the Fountain of all grace and glory, that He may be pleased to sanctify with His heavenly blessing the relation which has been formed in His name.

Then shall follow this Prayer—

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who, for the blessing of Thy household, dost appoint over them faithful and wise servants, who shall give them their meat in due season, and shall watch for their souls as those that must give account; look down upon us in Thy tender compassion, and seal with Thy blessing the work of our hands. Send down continually, we beseech Thee, the Holy Ghost upon this Thy servant, whom Thou hast been pleased to set over this people as bishop and pastor, and so replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church: through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

O Holy Jesus, who hast purchased to Thyself a universal Church, and hast promised to be with Thy ministers therein to the end of the world, be

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graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is now appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to Thee in this house, which is called by Thy name. May the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

Amen.

And Thou, O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with Thy love and favour. Enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Graft in their hearts the love of Thy name; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end.

Amen.

When a Presbyter, ordained previously on a different occasion, is instituted as Pastor in a specific charge, the following Prayer shall be used in place of that given above—

ALMIGHTY God, who, under Thine ever-blessed Son, the great Shepherd of Thy sheep, hast appointed them to be fed and guided by Thy ministering servants; we thank Thee that Thou hast this day graciously provided a

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pastor for this people; and we earnestly entreat Thee to grant unto Thy servant, to whom this solemn trust is now committed by us in Thy name, Thy Holy Spirit, to fit him more and more for the work to which he has been called. Give him utterance that he may boldly make known Thy Word and will, and faithfully dispense the mysteries of Thy Gospel. Endue him with wisdom and zeal to rule aright the people over whom he is set, and to preserve them in peace and purity, so that Thy Church, under his administration and example, may increase in grace and holiness. Grant him meekness, patience, and firmness to bear all the trials and troubles of his ministry, and strengthen him with Thy Spirit, that he may abide steadfast to the end, and be received, with all Thy faithful servants, into the joy of his Lord. Give grace also to those over whom he has been appointed, that they may reverently receive his doctrine and godly admonitions, yielding him all due respect and obedience according to Thy holy Word, and earnestly endeavouring so to profit by his labours, that they may grow in grace, and be made partakers of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Saviour; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and with the Holy Ghost, be glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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When the person ordained is appointed to the office or function of an Evangelist or Missionary, or of a Teacher or Doctor in a School of Theology, the charge shall conclude with the paragraph in brackets, and the Prayer of Institution shall be as follows—

In the case of an Evangelist or Missionary—

O MOST gracious and merciful God, who hast commanded Thy Gospel to be preached unto all nations, that the ends of the earth may see Thy salvation; we give Thee thanks that, from age to age, Thou dost inspire Thy chosen servants with a desire to make known Thy truth to those who are sitting in darkness, that they may be delivered from sin and death, and made partakers of our hope and joy. And we beseech Thee greatly to bless Thy servant here before Thee, whom in Thy name we send forth to this work. Strengthen his hands and encourage his heart for all the special dangers, difficulties, and temptations that may lie before him. In all his trials may his faith in Thy promises and love abide unshaken, and his hope be constant in Thee. Grant him grace to preach boldly and faithfully the unsearchable riches of Christ, to instruct with meekness those who are opposed to the truth, and to gather into the fold of Christ many who are wandering in the ways of error and of sin. Give him a mouth and wisdom, which all his adversaries shall not be able to

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gainsay or to resist. Grant that going forth in meekness of wisdom, and labouring in entire dependence on Thee, he may reap abundant fruit of his labours in the conversion of souls unto Christ, and obtain the reward of a faithful servant in Thy heavenly kingdom, where they who have turned many unto righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever. These blessings, and all that Thou seest to be for the good of Thy servant and the honour of Thy name, we earnestly implore, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all praise and glory, world without end.

Amen.

In the case of a Teacher or Doctor in a School of Theology—

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who, when we were sunk in darkness and sin, didst send Thy Son to be the Light of the world, and whose Word and Spirit alone can guide us into the way of truth and happiness; send down, we pray Thee, Thy blessing on this Thy servant, now appointed to discharge the office of a teacher in Thy Church, and to make known the mysteries of Thy holy Gospel. Strengthen all his faculties; inspire him with a pure and fervent love of the truth as it is in Jesus; and grant that by earnest study and prayer he may daily grow in the understanding of Thy Word, and become mighty in the know-

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ledge of the Scriptures. Give him wisdom, faithfulness, and skill to teach Thy truth, and to uphold it against all false doctrine. And graciously preserve those who shall be committed to his care from all error and delusion, that they be not spoiled through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men and the rudiments of the world; but grant that, their faith standing not in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God, they may be fitted both to defend and to extend in this dark world the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ Thy Son, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and to whom, with Thee the Father and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Prayer of Institution shall be followed in every case by offering the Intercession as in the Communion Service. The Service shall conclude with singing and the Benediction, *as follows—*

At the Induction of a Pastor—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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When the Minister ordained is not at the same time inducted as a Pastor—

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Induction

of an

Ordained Minister.

When a Minister, previously ordained, is inducted to a pastoral or other charge, the Service shall proceed as on the occasion of an Ordination (with such verbal changes as are indicated in the rubrics) to the close of the questions appointed by authority of the Church. But immediately after receiving satisfactory answers to these questions, the presiding Minister shall pass on to the words—

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by appointment of this Presbytery, I receive and admit you to the office of

Adding the blessing—

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you always.

The presiding Presbyter shall thereafter proceed to the charge and the proper prayer of Institution, and shall conclude with the Intercession, singing, and Benediction.

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The Order
for the
Admission of Elders.

Divine Service shall be celebrated according to the usual order. The following are appropriate Lessons of Holy Scripture,—Exodus xviii. *and* 1 Corinthians xii.

After the Sermon, the persons to be admitted as Elders being seated in front of the holy table, the Minister shall address the Congregation thus—

Dearly beloved brethren,—The minister and kirk-session of this parish have taken into consideration the propriety of adding to the number of its elders, and, being persuaded of the good character and fitness for the office of N. and N N.,

Here the Minister shall mention the names of the persons chosen.

have made choice of these brethren to act with them; and, having intimated the same to you,

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and given you an opportunity, according to the laws of the Church, to state objections against the appointment of these men, and no objection having been offered, it now becomes my duty publicly to admit the said N. and N N., and to receive them as members of the kirk-session, as soon as they shall have answered satisfactorily the questions appointed by the Church.

But first let me read to you what is said concerning this office in the Form of Church Government, drawn up by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, and approven by former General Assemblies of this Church. It is as follows—

As there were in the Jewish Church elders of the people joined with the priests and Levites in the government of the Church, so Christ, who hath instituted government and governors ecclesiastical in the Church, hath furnished some in His Church, besides the ministers of the Word, with gifts for government, and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto, who are to join with the minister in the government of the Church, which officers Reformed Churches commonly call Elders.

The duties of these elders are more particularly—

To set the example of a virtuous and religious life, and of regular attendance at public worship in the parish church:

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To take part with the minister in administering the discipline of the parish:

And to represent their brethren in presbyteries, synods, and General Assemblies, when commissioned thereto.

Then the Minister, turning to the persons nominated, shall say—

Since you have professed your willingness to take this office upon you, I now require you to answer the following questions, appointed by the Church to be put to those who are to be admitted to the eldership—

I. Do you sincerely own and declare the Confession of Faith, approven by former General Assemblies of this Church, and ratified by law in the year 1690, to be the confession of your faith; and do you own the doctrine therein contained to be the true doctrine, which you will constantly adhere to?

Answer—I do.

II. Do you own and acknowledge the Presbyterian Church government of this Church, now settled by law, by kirk-sessions, presbyteries, provincial synods, and General Assemblies, to be the only government of this Church; and do you engage to submit thereto, concur therewith,

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and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof?

Answer—I so confess, and promise.

III. Do you promise to observe uniformity of worship, and the administration of all public ordinances within this Church, as the same are at present performed and allowed?

Answer—I do.

Then the Minister shall say—

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, of Thine infinite mercy and goodness, hast chosen to Thyself a Church of the lost seed of Adam, which Thou hast ever ruled by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, and yet, not the less, hast always used the ministry of men, as well in preaching of Thy Word and administration of Thy sacraments, as in guiding of Thy flock and providing for the poor within the same; we bless Thy holy name that Thou hast planted it in our land, and hast vouchsafed unto us, Thine unworthy servants, office and membership therein. We thank Thee for Thy servants now before Thee, to whom Thou hast given grace to obey Thy Church's call, and to offer themselves for Thy service. Accept them graciously, O God. Remember

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not their offences. Give unto them such abundance of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may both adorn in their lives the doctrine of Thy Son, and be vigilant and faithful, wise and loving, in the fulfilment of their office. Enable them to shine as lights in the world, and to show out of a good conversation their works with meekness of wisdom; so that in all Thy saving name may be extolled, and godliness increased not only in this generation, but also in those that are to come. And to Thee, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, one God, shall be all glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

The persons to be admitted shall then stand up, and the Minister shall say to each of them—

N., In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority committed to me in His Church, I now admit you to the charge and service to which you have been called; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, rest upon you and abide with you always.

Amen.

Then the Minister adds an exhortation to the newly admitted Elders, and an address to the People, which may thus conclude—

I exhort you, therefore, to be faithful in this your office; to magnify God who hath called you to rule within His Church; to show yourselves

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zealous to promote virtue; not to fear the faces of the wicked, but to rebuke their wickedness; to be merciful to the poor and needy, and to support them to the utmost of your power. So shall ye receive the benediction of God, present and everlasting.

And you, my brethren of the congregation, I exhort to support these elders in all the duties of the office to which they have this day been admitted. So shall you also be the servants of the Lord, and be acceptable before Him as His people. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having, then, gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another: not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

Then shall be said the following Prayer—

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with

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Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced the usual Intercessions.

The Service shall conclude with singing Psalm ciii. 19-22, *or* cxxii. 6-9, *or* Par. liv., *and with the* Benediction—

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

The law of the Church of Scotland requires that at a meeting of Kirk-Session, to be held after the service, the newly appointed Elders shall sign the Formula and receive the right hand of fellowship.

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The Order

for Laying

The Foundation-Stone of a Church.

The people being assembled at the place where the Church is to be built, the Minister, standing near the corner-stone, may begin as follows—

OUR help is in the name of the Lord:
Who hath made heaven and earth.
The Stone, which the builders rejected,
Hath become the head of the corner.
This is the Lord's doing;
And it is marvellous in our eyes.
Blessed be the name of the Lord:
From henceforth even for ever.

Amen.

Then may be said or sung one or other of the Psalms following—viz., Psalms cxxii. *or* lxxxiv.

The Minister shall then proceed with the reading of the

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holy Scriptures: 1 Chronicles xxix. 10-18; *or* Ezra iii. 8-12, *and* 1 Peter ii. 1-7. *Thereafter he shall say—*

Let us Pray.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, true Corner-Stone, immutable Foundation, establish Thou this stone which we plant in Thy name. And do Thou, who art the beginning and the end, in whom all things were created, vouchsafe Thy presence, that this our work, undertaken for Thy service, may be carried on and

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perfected to the praise and glory of Thy holy name, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Here shall follow the laying of the stone. After the usual articles, such as records and coins, have been deposited in the cavity prepared for them, the Minister, or other person appointed for the purpose, assisted by the builder, shall lay the stone in its place. Then the Minister, placing his hand on it, shall say—

In the faith of Jesus Christ, we lay the first stone in this foundation [*or*, this stone], in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

In this place may the faith flourish, the fear of God, the love of the brethren: Here may the voice of prayer continually be heard, the voice of rejoicing and salvation, the voice of praise and invocation of Thy most glorious and honourable name, even the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, henceforth and for ever.

Amen.

Or this—

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we lay this corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected under the name

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of Church, and devoted to the worship of Almighty God.

Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Let us Pray.

LET Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord our God, descend continually and rest upon this place; that our gifts and all our service may be sanctified, and our hearts, and the hearts of all who labour upon this building, may be cleansed and purified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, who art present in all places of Thy dominion, to accept and further the services of all Thy creatures; hear us, we most humbly beseech Thee: accept the humble service of all who contribute from their substance unto this building; and let Thy blessing rest upon them, and upon those who labour in erecting it: and grant that the progress of this work may be secured against every accident, and may be carried forward without hindrance unto perfection; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

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Then shall be said or sung the Gloria Patri, *or other suitable Doxology, or* Psalm lxxxvii., *concluding with the* Gloria Patri—

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Here may be given an Address. A Collection in aid of the building fund, if so approved, may be taken.
Then may be sung a suitable Hymn, and the service shall close with the following Benediction—

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, and blessed be His glorious name for ever and ever.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

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The Order
for the
Dedication of a Church.

The Church being completed, and furnished with a Pulpit, Font, and Communion Table, the communion vessels, if new, being placed on the Communion Table, and the Congregation being assembled, the public worship of God is begun by singing Psalm xxiv. *in the prose version; failing which,* Psalm xxiv. 7-10, *in metre.*

Then the service proceeds as on the morning of an ordinary Sunday, to the end of the Prayer for Pardon and Peace.

The Minister shall then say—

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thine

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especial presence in whatever place even two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto Thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of Thy great name; separating it from henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it to Thy service; for reading Thy holy Word; for celebrating Thy holy sacraments; for offering to Thy glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving; for blessing Thy people in Thy name; and for the performance of all other holy ordinances.

Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to Thy glory, and to the furtherance of our happiness, both temporal and spiritual: through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Regard, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to Thee in this house by baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from Thy wrath and eternal death, and, being made a living member of Christ's Church, may ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children.

Amen.

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Grant, O Lord, that they who in this place shall, in their own persons, renew the promises and vows made by their parents for them at their baptism, may receive such a measure of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in grace unto their lives' end.

Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and, being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion.

Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word, which shall be read and preached in this place, and by Thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same.

Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may re-

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main in perfect love and peace together unto their lives' end.

Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near unto Thee in this place, to confess their sins unto Thee, to give Thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at Thy hands, to set forth Thy most worthy praise, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul, may do it with such steadfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that Thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to them whatsoever in Thy infinite wisdom Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them: all which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

O Thou the high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity, who art exalted far above all heavens, and yet hast declared that Thou dwellest with the contrite and humble spirits on earth: grant, we beseech Thee, that this house which we have now presumed to dedicate to Thee, by our office and ministry, may also be hallowed, as Thy temple of old was hallowed, by the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost, and so for ever continue, through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God,

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who dost live and govern all things, world without end.

Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Here may be sung a suitable Psalm, in the prose version, either Psalm lxxxiv., *or* cxxii., *or* cxxxii.

Then is read the Lesson from the Old Testament. Suitable Lessons are 1 Kings viii. 22-53, *and* 1 Chron. xxix.

Between the Lessons, when possible, should be sung the Te Deum. *Then is read the Lesson from the New Testament:* Heb. x. 19-26, *or* St Luke xix. 28-48. *After which is sung* Hymn 190, "Christ is made the sure Foundation": *or the* Veni Creator Spiritus.

Before the Sermon, the Minister says—

O most blessed Saviour, who by Thy gracious presence at the feast of dedication, didst approve and honour such religious services as this which we are now performing unto Thee; be present at this time with us also, by the Holy Spirit; and because holiness becometh Thine house for ever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living

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temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us; but that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore.

Amen.

Then follows the Sermon, from a text suited to the occasion: after which is sung Hymn 62, "Lord God the Holy Ghost." *Then the Minister proceeds—*

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that it pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to erect this house to Thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the work of their hands: remember them concerning this; remember this kindness that they have shown for the house of their God, and the offices thereof; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy blessed name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the

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assembly of the saints on earth; bless, we beseech Thee, the religious solemnity of this day; and grant, that in this place now set apart to Thy service, Thy holy name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

After these Prayers may be said the ordinary Intercessions. Then is sung Psalm cxxii. 6-9, *or* cxxxii. 13-18. *After which follows the* Benediction—

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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PART III.

APPENDIX

CONTAINING MATERIALS FOR

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Appendix.

The following Prayers may be used in the Services of the Church, at the discretion of the Minister.

I.

Introductory Sentences.

Morning.

1.

LET Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

2.

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

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Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

3.

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Day-spring from on high hath visited us: to give light to them that sit in darkness, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

God is the Lord who hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

4.

Yea, in the way of Thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for Thee; the desire of our soul is to Thy name, and to the remembrance of Thee.

With my soul have I desired Thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek Thee early: for when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

5.

Thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye Me, and ye shall live.

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

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6.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides Thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Evening.

1.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge, and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

2.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

3.

Lord, I cry unto Thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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4.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High: to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5.

I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

6.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

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II.

Introductory Collects.

Morning.

1.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy name, Thou wilt meet with Thy servants to bless them; fulfil now Thy promise unto us, and make us joyful in Thine house of prayer; and grant that our worship, being offered in the name and in the Spirit of Thy Son, may be acceptable unto Thee, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Almighty God, who hast promised to be present with Thy people and to grant their requests in the name of Thy well-beloved Son; regard us, we humbly beseech Thee, with Thy favour; and for the sake of Him who is our only Saviour and Mediator with Thee, fulfil Thy promise in our behalf, that our thoughts being lifted up, and our desires drawn forth unto Thee, we may render Thee acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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3.

Let Thy merciful ear, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

4.

Look mercifully, O Lord, on the morning prayers of Thy suppliants, and enlighten with Thy healing goodness the secrets of our heart; that no dark desires may have possession of those whom the light of heavenly grace has renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5.

O God, whom heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but who dwellest with humble and contrite hearts; look in Thy mercy upon us who are here assembled according to Thine ordinance to offer up our sacrifices of prayer and praise before Thy divine majesty. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit, we entreat Thee, O Lord, to guide and to sanctify us, that we may be acceptable in Thy sight, and may obtain our petitions; for we come before Thee not in our own name, but in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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6.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy children, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

7.

O Lord God, who givest to men the blessed hope of eternal life by our Lord Jesus Christ, and hast promised Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask Him; be present with us, and with all Thy ministers and people this day, in the dispensation of Thy holy Word; and grant that our worship, being offered in the name and in the Spirit of Thy Son, may be acceptable unto Thee and profitable unto ourselves; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Evening.

1.

O God, the Judge of all, who knowest what is in man, and requirest truth in the inward parts; mercifully grant that we may not draw near to Thee with our lips while our heart is far from thee; and let Thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, and pray with us and plead for us, that our offerings may be holy and

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well-pleasing unto Thee; through the merits of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

O Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out on all who desire it the Spirit of grace and supplication; deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

O Almighty and everlasting God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but who art ever nigh to the humble and contrite; shed down on us Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, that, being cleansed and illumined by His grace, we may worthily show forth Thy praises, meekly learn Thy Word, render due thanks for Thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

4.

O God of hope, who art verily the light of Thy Church; grant that our hearts may both render Thee acceptable prayer, and always glorify Thee with the offering of praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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5.

O Thou holy and infinite God, our Father in Christ, Thy only-begotten Son, we come before Thy face and desire to worship Thee; stir up our hearts to do so by Thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

6.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord.

Amen.

7.

O Thou, who art greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Thee; be present with us this day, and with all Thy people who shall worship before Thee in Thy holy place. Fill our hearts with Thy fear, and open Thou our lips to make confession and supplication, and to show forth all Thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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III.

Forms of Confession.

1.

GIVE ear, O Lord, unto our prayer, and hearken to our supplications; for we acknowledge our iniquities, and lay bare our sins before Thee. Against Thee, O Lord, have we sinned; to Thee do we make our confession, and implore forgiveness. Turn Thy face, O Lord, upon Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with the most precious blood of Thy dear Son. Spare us, we beseech Thee; pardon our offences; and be pleased to extend to us Thy loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we cast ourselves down at Thy feet with deep humiliation, in view of our manifold sins and great unrighteousness, whereby we have provoked against ourselves most justly Thine indignation and wrath.

We have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; we have broken Thy holy laws; we have

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come short of Thy righteousness and glory in all our ways; our lives bear testimony against us, and our own hearts condemn us as being prone to all evil and backward to all good.

We have abused Thy mercies and made light of Thy judgments; we have turned aside from Thy covenant; and we have not been faithful and diligent in using the helps of Thy grace for our eternal salvation.

O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, and unto us only confusion of face. But unto Thee, O Lord our God, belong also mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Look upon us, therefore, O righteous and holy Father, with an eye of pity and compassion, as we now humble ourselves, with sincere confession, before the throne of Thy heavenly grace, and, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, speak pardon and peace to our souls. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we hope in Thee. And with the full pardon of our past sins, be pleased also to quicken us, we beseech Thee, in the way of righteousness, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit; that we may henceforth walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

O Almighty God, who art greatly to be feared in Thy holiness; we are ashamed of our manifold iniquities; we confess unto Thee our sin.

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We offend continually and grievously in deed, in word, and in thought. Thy people, from generation to generation, have resisted and turned from Thee. Our fathers have transgressed against Thee, and we, our children, and our brethren, do fill up the measure of their iniquity. We have lived in strife and confusion, and have not desired peace. We covet and lust after the things which perish, and seek not Thy heavenly kingdom.

We have sat in judgment on those whom Thou hast placed over us, and we judge not ourselves. We have loved the ways of disorder in which we have lived, and have been slow to learn reverence and humility.

We have caused Thy truth to be rejected by our foolishness and our sin; and have brought reproach upon Thy holy name. By our hardness of heart and unbelief we have grieved and quenched Thy Holy Spirit. We are a burden unto Thee, hindering Thy purpose of grace to others; and forsaking our own mercies.

[And as dwellers in this land we especially acknowledge before Thee the sin of this kingdom, of rulers and people.]

For all these our manifold offences and iniquities we do beseech Thy mercy. We have sinned wilfully and grievously, yet have pity on us. We have presumed on Thy long-suffering, yet deal with us in mercy and in truth, and forgive us our sins; through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer.

Amen.

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4.

In the Celebration of the Holy Communion.

We do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table: but Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant unto us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Thus judging ourselves and counting ourselves unworthy, may we be delivered from Thy most righteous judgment, and receive of Thy mercy health both of body and soul, in the communion of the mystical body of Thy Christ.

Amen.

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IV.

Prayers for Pardon and Peace.

1.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; have mercy upon all here present who repent and turn to Thee; grant unto them full remission and forgiveness; absolve them from all their sins, iniquities, and transgressions, and vouchsafe unto them Thy Holy Spirit.

Amen.

2.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers; and spare all them that confess their faults unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

O blessed Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, who didst grant forgiveness to Thine apostle Peter, who wept

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bitterly, having thrice denied Thee, and to the sinner who washed Thy feet with her tears; accept the repentance and confession of Thy servants; and wherein they have offended, voluntarily or involuntarily, by thought, word, or deed, as Thou art a good and merciful Lord, be pleased to pardon them; for Thou hast power to forgive sins: and to Thee, with the Father, and the Spirit, the Giver of life, we ascribe glory now and for ever.

Amen.

4.

As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward them that fear Thee.

Who is a God like unto Thee, who pardonest iniquity, and retainest not Thine anger for ever; because Thou delightest in mercy!

We rejoice in Thy promises, O God: we hope in Thy Word. Being justified freely by Thy grace, and heirs, according to the hope of everlasting life, may we cleanse ourselves from all filthiness both of the flesh and of the spirit, and perfect holiness in Thy fear; that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Amen.

5.

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, who delightest not in the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted from his sin and live; give unto Thy servants a deep contrition for their sins, a perfect

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hatred, and a full remission of them; visit us with the joys of Thy salvation, and the sweet sense that Thine anger is turned away from us; grant unto us grace to fear and love Thee, power and will to serve Thee, and time and space to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do; that we, being sprinkled with the blood of the Lamb of God, may be justified by Thy grace, sanctified by Thy Spirit, and saved by Thine infinite and eternal goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

6.

For Particular Persons: as in Cases of Discipline before the Kirk-Session.

(1.)

Almighty God, who hast not suffered Thy mercy to be overcome by the greatness of our offences, but turnest Thyself again when Thou hearest the cry of the penitent; look down, we beseech Thee, upon this Thy servant, who confesseth *his* grievous sin, and casteth *himself* upon Thy mercy. It is Thine to wash away our sins, and to vouchsafe Thy pardon to our offences. Thou wouldst not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live. Thou hast declared that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. We beseech Thee, therefore, mercifully to forgive Thy servant who acknowledgeth *his* trespasses; receive and comfort *him* who is grieved and wearied with the burden of *his* sins; and grant unto *him*, of Thine

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infinite goodness, pardon instead of judgment, joy for grief, and life instead of death. Hear us, O most merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(2.)

O God, who purifiest the hearts of those who confess their sins unto Thee, and absolvest the self-accusing conscience from all bonds of iniquity; be not far from our prayers, we beseech Thee, neither let Thy long-suffering pity cease from Thy servant before Thee. Heal Thou the wounds of *his* soul and spirit, and remit unto *him his* sins; that being no longer separated from Thee by *his* iniquities, *he* may henceforth cleave unto Thee with full purpose of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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V.

Prayers of Dedication.

1.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy holy apostle hast called upon us to present our bodies unto Thee a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service; we come unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and we devote and dedicate ourselves wholly to Thy service, henceforth to live only to Thy glory. Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee; Thou art our God, we will exalt Thee. We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, for Thou art good, and Thy mercy endureth for ever; and unto the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

2.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we give thanks, for that Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare. We approach unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who hath died for our sins and risen again for our justification. We dedicate ourselves unto Thy service, yielding unto Thee our wills and our

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desires, our faculties, and all our members, the life of our body, the thoughts of our heart, the aspirations of our spirit. Perfect, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this our offering: let the fire of Thy love consume in us all sinful desires of the flesh and of the mind; that we may henceforth continually abide with Christ our Lord, seeking those things which are above, where He sitteth at Thy right hand. For unto Thee belongeth all glory, even unto the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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VI.

Collects before Praise.

1.

O THOU, whom Cherubim and Seraphim continually do praise, the heavens, and all the powers therein; open Thou our mouths, that we may show forth Thy praise, and tell out the greatness of Thy holy name. Grant unto us to have our portion with them who fear Thee in truth, and who obey Thy commandments; for to Thee is due all glory, honour, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, throughout all ages.

Amen.

2.

Almighty God, who hast promised to bestow plentifully of Thy Holy Spirit upon all who ask of Thee; by His grace clear our understandings of all blindness and our hearts of all pride. Take us henceforth under Thy fatherly guidance and protection, and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we, daily mortifying our flesh with all its lusts, and bringing forth the fruits of a true faith, may be renewed into a better life, and, setting our affections on things above, may glorify and praise Thee now and for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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VII.

Supplications.

1.

GIVE ear, O Lord, unto our prayer, and attend to the voice of our supplication.

Make us poor in spirit: that ours may be the kingdom of heaven.

Make us to mourn for sin: that we may be comforted by Thy grace.

Make us meek: that we may inherit the earth.

Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness: that we may be filled therewith.

Make us merciful: that we may obtain mercy.

Make us pure in heart: that we may see Thee.

Make us peacemakers: that we may be called Thy children.

Make us willing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake: that our reward may be great in heaven.

O God, true and highest Life, by whom, through whom, and in whom, all things live, which live truly and blessedly; pity and help us, according as Thou knowest we need, in body and in soul, that casting off all that entangles us, we may serve and cleave to Thee alone, who knowest all things, and canst perform all things, and who livest for evermore.

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2.

Take from us that carnal mind which is death, and increase in us that spiritual mind which is life and peace.

Give us earnestness, strength of purpose, simplicity of faith, warmth of love.

Make us kindly in thought; gentle in word; generous in deed.

Teach us that it is better to give than to receive; better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward; better to minister than to be ministered unto; better to be last than to be first.

Preserve and keep us in the constant sense of our membership of Christ; in the unfailing thought that we are His soldiers and servants; in the love of our Father's house; and in the hope of our eternal home.

May we live by faith in Christ; may we increase in the joy of conscious union with Him; may we become more and more like Him, till we see Him as He is, and be changed into His perfect likeness.

3.

Take from us all impurity of thought or desire; all envy, pride, hypocrisy; all falsehood and deceit; all covetousness, vainglory, and indolence; all malice and anger; everything that is contrary to Thy will, O most holy Lord.

Enlighten our understandings, that we may know the greatness of Thy love in Christ, the mysteries of Thy kingdom, and the riches of Thine eternal glory.

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Teach us what Thou wouldst have us to do, and uphold us by Thy mighty power, that every work of ours may begin always from Thee, and in Thee be happily ended.

4.

O Lord Jesus Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, strengthen us, we pray Thee, by a sincere faith in Thine incarnation, and amid the manifold snares of error enable us to cleave unto Thy truth.

Thou hast come that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly: give us grace to abide in Thee into whom we have been engrafted, so that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Thy coming, and may be filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Thee, unto the glory and praise of God.

5.

Hear, O Lord, our humble supplications. Give us so to know Christ and His life, that the same mind which was in Him may be in us; that we may be in the world as He was in the world.

Give us so to know Christ and His death, that we may not glory save in His cross; whereby the world is crucified unto us, and we unto the world.

Give us so to know Christ and the power of His resurrection, that like as He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we also may walk in newness of life.

Give us so to know Christ and His ascension, that our conversation may be in heaven; and that we may

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seek those things that are above, where He sitteth at Thy right hand.

Give us so to know Christ and His second coming, that our lamps may be burning and our loins girt, and we ourselves as servants waiting for their master.

Give us so to know Christ as Judge of quick and of dead, that we may give in our account with joy, and may be welcomed by Him to the kingdom of the Father.

6.

Hear, O Lord, our humble supplications. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from ignorance and error, from prejudice and passion, from pride and self-confidence; and give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may meekly receive whatsoever Thou hast taught us.

Make us ready to believe, where we cannot see; and willing to trust, where we cannot comprehend.

Let Thy word be our light: Thine eye our guide: Thy love our law: and Thy presence our rest.

Enable us, as children of light and of the day, to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty, and to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.

Grant that, walking in truth and uprightness, in purity and sincerity before Thee, our fellowship may be with Thee the Father, and with Thy Son, Jesus Christ; and that, when the shadows of this life have passed away, we may enjoy the vision of Thy heavenly glory, and may ourselves shine forth, with the brightness of the sun, in Thy kingdom for ever and ever.

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VIII.

Special Morning Prayers.

1.

FROM the night early awaketh our soul unto Thee, O God; for the light of Thy commandments is upon the earth. Teach us to perfect righteousness and truth in Thy fear; for Thee we glorify, who verily art our God. Incline Thine ear and hear us, and remember, O Lord, each one before Thee, and save us by Thy power. Bless Thy people, and sanctify Thine inheritance; grant peace to Thy Church, to the nations, and to all men. For blessed and magnified is Thy most holy and glorious name, of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now and for evermore.

Amen.

2.

From the night early awaketh our soul unto Thee, O God; for the light of Thy commandments is upon the earth. Teach us, O God, by Thy truth; by Thy commandments; by Thy judgments; enlighten the eyes of our minds, lest we sleep the sleep of death. Remove from our hearts all darkness; give unto us the light of the Sun of righteousness; preserve our

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life free from all snares, by the seal of Thy Holy Spirit; and direct our footsteps in the way of peace; for Thine is the dominion, the power, and the glory, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O Lord, our God, holy and incomprehensible, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, who hast refreshed us by nightly slumber, and again wakened us to praise Thy goodness and ask for Thy grace; accept now, in Thine endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of Thine everlasting inheritance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

4.

O God, who dividest the day from the night, separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness. As Thou hast awakened our bodies from sleep, so, we beseech Thee, awaken our souls from sin: as Thou hast caused the light of day to shine on our bodily eyes, cause the light of Thy Word and Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts; and so give us grace, as the children of light, to walk in all holy obedience before Thy face this day, that in all our thoughts, words, and dealings, we may endeavour to keep faith and a clean conscience towards Thee and towards all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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5.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Suitable for Monday.

1.

O God, who art the continual defence and protection of all who trust in Thee, and who hast ordained that we should eat bread in the sweat of our brow; we beseech Thee mercifully to prosper the work of our hands, and to sanctify the fruit of our labours to our own good, the good of others, and to Thy glory; and so help us to carry the spirit of Thy holy day into all the business of the week, that whilst our bodies and minds are engaged in honest and useful toil, our hearts may still live and rest in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

O Lord God, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, but that all should work the thing that is good, and hast taught us by Thy holy apostle, that whatsoever we do we may do all to Thy glory;

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grant that we may each of us this week look up to Thee in our several occupations, and diligently strive to do those duties which Thou layest to our hand. May we do our work heartily as in Thy sight who seest us, for Thou wilt not forget our work if it be offered to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

Suitable for Saturday.

O blessed Jesus, our Lord and our God, who wast pleased to rest on the seventh day from the work of creation; who, as on this day, having finished the work the Father gave Thee to do, didst rest in paradise; who also hast graciously invited all that labour and are heavy laden to come unto Thee, for that Thou wilt refresh them; receive us, we beseech Thee, unworthy sinners, weary and heavy laden; give us rest in our labour, comfort in sorrow, and a place with Thy people in Thy tabernacle, where Thou wilt wipe away tears from all eyes; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, we give all glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

For a Blessing on Daily Work.

O God, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, but that we should all work with our hands the thing that is good; look graciously upon Thy servants now going forth to do their duty, in that

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station of life unto which Thou hast been pleased to call them. May Thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; to follow the motions of Thy good Spirit, to be serious and holy in our lives; true and just in our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things. Give us grace, that we may honestly improve all the talents Thou hast committed to our trust; and that no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, may ever divert us from the thoughts of the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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IX.

Special Evening Prayers.

1.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, who hast granted us to pass through this day, and to reach the beginning of the night. Hear our prayers, and those of all Thy people; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; accept our evening supplications, and send down on Thine inheritance the fulness of Thy mercy and compassion. Compass us about with Thy holy angels; arm us with the armour of Thy righteousness, and guard us by Thy power; deliver us from every assault and device of the adversary, and grant that we may pass this night and all the days of our life in fulness of peace and holiness, without sin or offence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, we laud, we bless, we thank Thee. And we beseech Thee, O Lord of all, cause our prayer to ascend as incense in Thy presence. And do not let our hearts be

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turned away to words or thoughts of wickedness; but preserve us from all them that hunt after our souls; for towards Thee, O Lord, are our eyes turned, and in Thee have we hoped. Make us not ashamed, O Thou our God; for to Thee is due all glory, honour, and adoration; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, now and for ever, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O God, Most High, who alone art exalted, having immortality, and dwelling in the light which no one can approach unto; who hast given us grace to come before Thee at this time, to offer unto Thee our evening sacrifice of adoration and praise; grant unto us peace for the present evening and coming night; clothe us with the armour of light; save us from the fear of the night, and from all the perils of darkness; grant unto us sleep, that our weary bodies may be refreshed, and defend us from all the malice of the devil. And, O Lord, Giver of all good things, grant us, while resting on our beds, to remember Thy name in the silent watches of the night; which do Thou grant according to Thy good will towards us. And to Thee we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, world without end.

Amen.

4.

O God, who hast given the day to man for labour, and the night for rest, protect us by Thy watchful providence during the coming night, and all the

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nights and days of our pilgrimage. Cover all our sins with Thy mercy, as Thou coverest the earth with darkness during the night-watches. And when our days are ended, and our work is finished in this world, may we depart hence in the blessed assurance of Thy favour, and in the certain hope of the resurrection to immortal life, which Thou hast given us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

5.

O God, with whom there is no darkness, but the night shineth as the day, keep and defend us, and all Thy saints, in soul and body, during the coming night. May we rest in the consciousness of Thy favour; in the peace of a good conscience; in the hope of a better life; in the faith of Thy providence; in the love of Thy Spirit.

May we rise up again to diligence in our several callings, to work the work of God while the day lasts, seeing the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ.

Amen.

6.

Keep us during the darkness of the night, O Thou Shepherd of Israel, whose eyes are upon the righteous, and with whom the darkness is as light. Save us from all the works and powers of darkness, and make us children of light and of the day, that we

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may dwell in the light of Thy presence for ever; through Him who is our light and life, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

7.

O Lord God, our life, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the blessed dead; grant us a peaceful night, free from all disturbance; that, after an interval of quiet sleep, we may by Thy bounty, at the return of light, be endued with activity by the Holy Spirit, and enabled in security to render thanks to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

8.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Thee; be Thou our strength every morning, and our rest when the shadows of the evening are stretched out, O Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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X.

Collects for Various Graces.

For Contrition.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Life in Christ.

We approach Thee, O God, in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who, after He had borne our sins and carried our sorrows upon earth, sat down at Thine own right hand, the Mediator of those for whom He died. Grant us, we beseech Thee, to be made partakers, both in that atonement which He perfected on the cross, and in His mediation in the upper sanctuary; that, being reconciled through the death of Thy Son, we may be saved by

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His life, who liveth and was dead, and is alive for evermore, and hath the keys of hell and of death; to whom be glory both now and for ever.

Amen.

For Deliverance from Temptation.

In Thy mercy and majesty, O Lord, behold Thy household, that they may be neither stained with vices of their own, nor held in bondage by the sins of others; but that, being ever freed and cleansed from both, they may do service unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Restoration.

O God, who art long-suffering and kind, and art evermore seeking to turn us from our vanities that we may live and not die; grant that we may know this the time of our visitation, and give ear to the voice that calleth us, and so bring us home, good Lord, from wandering in the wilderness, and give our weary hearts such rest in Thee that we may seek to wander from Thee no more, but abide in Thy peace for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Conversion to the Will of God.

1.

Almighty and everlasting God, who requirest the hearts of Thy creatures, convert us wholly to Thyself;

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turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken us in Thy way; through Him, who is at once the pattern and the power of godliness, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Almighty God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Help in Trouble.

1.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved, and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

O God, the High and Holy One who inhabitest eternity, and dwellest with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the

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humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones; glorify Thy grace, we beseech Thee, in the midst of our manifold infirmities and sins, and through all temptation hold us up by Thy mighty hand; that the trial of our faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, may be found unto praise, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

3.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Grace.

1.

O Lord God, strong to deliver, and mighty to save, who hast been the refuge and dwelling-place of Thy people in all generations, perfect and fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, the work of Thy converting grace, and be pleased to confirm in us every good purpose and deed; that having been called into the way of right-

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eousness, we may have power to continue steadfastly in the same until the day of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise, world without end.

Amen.

2.

O Lord, our Maker and Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, who hast stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; be pleased graciously to confirm and carry forward Thy glorious work of salvation in our hearts, causing old things to pass away and all things to become new; that looking always above and beyond this world, we may have our conversation in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

3.

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

4.

Almighty and eternal God, who dost bid us walk as pilgrims and strangers in this passing world, seek-

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ing that abiding city which Thou hast prepared for us in heaven; we pray Thee so to govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we, avoiding all fleshly lusts which war against the soul, and quietly obedient to the rule which Thou hast set over us, may show forth Thy glory before the world by our good works; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

5.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and in deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

6.

O Lord, who hast called us to be holy as Thou art holy, and who alone canst make us such as Thou wouldst have us to be; fulfil in us all the good pleasure of Thy goodness, that we may stand perfect and complete in all Thy will. Cause us to abound more and more in faith, and love, and temperance, and godliness; in all holy desires; in all good purposes; in all kind and brotherly affections; in all meek, patient, humble, sober, pure, and peaceable dispositions; that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us and we in Him, according to the grace, which through Him Thou hast bestowed upon us. O God of peace,

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sanctify us wholly; and grant that our whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be established in holiness before Thee, and preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints; and to Him, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

For Peace.

1.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Heavenly-Mindedness.

1.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy

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people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Almighty God, the former of our bodies and Father of our spirits, in whom we live, move, and have our being; shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, we beseech Thee, and cause the comfort of Thy heavenly grace to abound in us, as the earnest and pledge of joys to come; that, casting away all anxious thought for the transitory things of this world, we may seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and labour only for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

O God, who wilt not endure iniquity, yet hast mercy upon all who truly repent; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, true contrition of heart and the grace of Thy most Holy Spirit; that henceforth walking in Thy fear, we may break off our sins by righteousness, and may be delivered from every false way by cleaving unto Thee with a perfect heart; and so of Thy mercy may attain to know Thee, even as also we are known of Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

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liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

4.

O God, whose favour is life, and in whose presence there is fulness of peace and joy; vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, such an abiding sense of the reality and glory of those things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, as may serve to raise us above the vanity of this present world, both in its pleasures and in its necessary trials and pains; so that under Thy guidance and help all things here shall work together for our everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5.

Blessed be Thou, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to Thine abundant mercy, hast begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for us in heaven. Grant, we beseech Thee, that having this hope in us, we may be led by Thy grace to walk worthy of it. May we be crucified unto the world, and raised with Christ to newness of life. As risen with Him, enable us also in heart and mind to ascend with Him to heavenly places, and to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand. And grant that, having our conversation in heaven, and our life hid with Christ in God, we may rest in the

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confident persuasion that when He who is our life shall appear, we also shall appear with Him in glory; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

For Guidance.

1.

O blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who discernest the workings of all spiritual wickedness, and art swift to deliver Thy people in every time of trial; who dost not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able, but makest a way for us to escape; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, to abound in charity and all good works, and to endure unto the end in faith and patience; that, of Thy merciful providence, we may be kept from all snares, and may be guided by Thy heavenly light until the morning of the resurrection; when, with all Thy saints, we shall be made partakers of Thy glorious kingdom; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

2.

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false

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choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord.

Amen.

4.

O God, whose infinite mercies in our blessed Saviour encourage us to call upon Thee; we beseech Thee graciously to hear us, and grant that we may both perceive and know what is Thy good and acceptable, and perfect will revealed to us, and also have grace and power so faithfully to fulfil the same, that we may present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5.

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think these things that be good,

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and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

For Faith.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who not only givest every good and perfect gift, but also increasest those gifts Thou hast bestowed; we most humbly beseech Thee to increase in us the gift of faith, that we may truly believe in Thee and in Thy promises; and that neither by our negligence, nor infirmity of the flesh, nor by grievousness of temptation, nor by the subtle crafts and assaults of the devil, we may be driven from faith in our most blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

For Hope.

1.

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts and renew us in the spirit of our mind; that putting away all bitterness and wrath, anger and malice, and every other evil affection, and being kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou, O God, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us, we may comfortably look with assured hope for the day of redemption from all evils, unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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2.

O God, by whose wise and righteous order the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, as having been made subject to vanity by reason of sin; graciously help the infirmities of Thy people, we humbly beseech Thee, and raise them up through the strong power of Christian hope; that we also who have received the first-fruits of the Spirit, may not seek our rest in this mortal state, but inwardly long after that which is far better, to be with Christ in heaven; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

For Love.

1.

O God, who hast taught Thy Church to keep all Thy heavenly commandments by loving Thee and our neighbour; grant us the spirit of peace and grace, that Thy universal family may be both devoted to Thee with their whole heart, and united to each other with a pure will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

O God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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3.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ; because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, we beseech Thee to grant us the help of Thy grace, and to breathe into us that divine charity which is the fulfilling of the law; that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and in deed, and be counted worthy, after the sufferings of this life, to reign with Christ in heaven; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

For Fortitude.

Almighty and most merciful God, whose name is a strong tower into which the righteous runneth and is safe; lift up the standard of Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, against the power of the enemy coming in upon us like a flood, and clothe us with the full armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that we may be able to fight manfully the good fight of faith, and so finish our course with joy in the great day when Christ, the righteous Judge, shall appear; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God.

Amen.

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For Patience.

1.

O God, who didst will Thine only-begotten Son to learn obedience by the things which He suffered, that being thus made perfect He might become the Author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him; work in us, we beseech Thee, such inward conformity with His holy patience, as may cause us to have part also in His glorious power; that so, walking not after the flesh but after the Spirit, we may be able to serve Thee all our days in newness of mind and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who givest power to the faint, and strength to them that have no might; look mercifully, we beseech Thee, on our low estate, and cause Thy grace to triumph in our weakness, that we may arise and follow in the way of righteousness those who by their faith and patience already inherit the promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Contentment.

Almighty God, who orderest all things in heaven and on earth according to Thy wise counsel; confirm our faith in the assurance Thou hast given us, that all Thy ways are mercy and truth to such as keep Thy covenant and Thy testimonies, and that all

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things work together for good to them that love Thee. Grant us deliverance from anxious cares, envious tempers, and inordinate affections. Teach us in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content; and so to look not at the things which are seen and temporal, but at the things which are unseen and eternal, that we may bear patiently all present trials, and reckon them unworthy to be compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in us: all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Cheerfulness.

O most loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our cares on Thee who carest for us; preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested to us in Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Temperance.

Almighty God, gracious Father of men and angels, who openest Thine hand and fillest all things with plenty; teach us to use the gifts of Thy providence soberly and temperately, that our temptations may not be too strong for us, our bodies healthless, or our affections sensual and unholy. Grant, O Lord, that the blessings which Thou givest us may neither minister to sin nor to sickness, but to health and holiness

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and thanksgiving; that in the strength of Thy provision we may faithfully and diligently serve Thee, may worthily feast at Thy table here, and be accounted worthy to sit down at Thy table hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Consistency.

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

For Steadfastness.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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For Protection.

1.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Preservation in Body and Soul.

O Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

For Temporal and Spiritual Blessings.

O God, who knowest that while we are in this life we have manifold bodily wants to be supplied,

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and hast graciously promised to them that seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness that all other needful things shall be added to them; grant us such a competent portion of earthly blessings as Thy wisdom seeth to be suitable and expedient for us. We ask of Thee neither poverty nor riches, but food to eat and raiment to put on. Give to us skill and industry to provide for ourselves and those who are dependent on us; and bless us in all the works of our hands, that we may have sufficient not to be chargeable, but rather to be helpful, to others. Suffer us not in prosperity to forget, or in adversity to think ourselves forgotten of, Thee. Above all, grant that our spiritual wants may be more and more abundantly supplied through the fulness of the blessings of Thy Gospel, to the end that, growing in knowledge and in grace, our souls may be strengthened and nourished unto life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Spiritual Edification.

O Almighty God, who hast begotten us through Thy Word, renewed us by Thy Spirit, nourished us by Thy sacraments, and by the ministry of Thy Church, be pleased still to build us up to life eternal. Give us understanding in Thy law, that we may know Thy will, and grace and strength faithfully to fulfil the same. Grant that our understandings may know Thee, our hearts may love Thee, and all our faculties and powers give Thee due obedience and service; so that, escaping from the darkness of this world, we may at length come to the land of everlasting rest, in Thy light to behold light and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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For Grace to Worship aright.

O most merciful God, who by Thy holy prophet didst foretell that Thy name should be great among the Gentiles, and that in every place incense and a pure offering should be offered unto Thy name; who hast taught us by Thy well-beloved Son, that the hour is come wherein the true worshippers must worship Thee, in every place, in spirit and in truth; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may continually offer unto Thee pure sacrifices, and true and reasonable worship in the Holy Ghost, and may never wander from Thy most blessed truth, even from the true Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Against Spiritual Apathy.

O God, the sovereign good of the soul, who requirest the hearts of all Thy children; deliver us from all sloth in Thy work, all coldness in Thy cause; and grant that by looking unto Thee we may rekindle our love, and by waiting upon Thee may renew our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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XI.

Versicles.

1.

CREATE in us a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold us with Thy free Spirit.
O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.

2.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us,
As we do put our trust in Thee.
Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness,
And let Thy saints shout for joy.
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance;
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Remember, O Lord, Thy congregation,
Which Thou hast purchased of old.

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Peace be within the walls of Thy Zion,
And plenteousness within her palaces.
Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

3.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ:
Graciously look upon our afflictions.
Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts:
Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.
Behold, O Lord, the desolations of Thy sanctuary;
And think upon Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old.
Regard the prayer of the poor and destitute;
And loose Thou those that are appointed to death.
Remember not against us former iniquities:
O turn Thy hand upon us, and purge away our sin.
Save, Lord, Thy Zion, with the might of Thy right hand;
And those that return unto Thee, redeem Thou with righteousness.
Pour out Thy Spirit as floods upon the dry ground;
And refresh with a gracious rain Thy weary heritage.
Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness:
And let Thy saints shout for joy.
Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come unto Thee.

4.

Bless us, good Lord, ere we go forth to our work and labour.
Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handiwork.

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O let us hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee do we Trust.

Show Thou us the way that we should walk in, for we lift up our souls unto Thee.

Teach us to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art our God.

Thy Spirit is good: lead us into the land of uprightness.

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XII.

Thanksgivings.

1.

Morning.

WE give thanks unto Thee, O God of our salvation, who crownest our lives with mercies. Thou hast given us rest during the past night, and hast raised us from our beds in strength, and brought us to the worship of Thine adorable name: wherefore we worship and give praise to Thee, O God. [Again Thou hast visited us with the light of another day, surrounding us with innumerable benefits, and continuing to us all things necessary for this life. Thy compassions are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.] Above all, we bless Thee that Thou hast visited us with the light of the Sun of righteousness, bringing life and immortality to light. We rejoice in the Gospel of Thy salvation, wherein Thou hast caused us to trust. We bless Thee that Thou hast made us obedient to the faith, and hast engrafted us into the mystical body of Thy Christ. We give thanks to Thee for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and for all the ordinances through which Thou dost perfect Thy saints. And we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory in the hope of

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the advent of Thy Son, and of the inheritance reserved for those who love Him, in the day of His appearing and kingdom. For Thou art the God of all glory, dominion, and majesty. And unto Thee, O Father Almighty, with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, one living and true God, be all honour and praise, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Here may be introduced any special subject of thanksgiving.

2.

Evening.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks; for, that Thy name is near, Thy wondrous works declare. [Of old Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they continue this day according to Thine ordinances; for all are Thy servants. And we also are Thy servants, O Lord, whom Thou hast made Thy reasonable creatures, and fulfillest with Thy love, that from our hearts and with our lips we may praise and magnify Thy name, O Thou Creator and Saviour of all.]

Through another day Thou hast preserved the earth and its inhabitants, supplying out of Thine inexhaustible bounty all their wants. Through another day Thy Church hath been saved by Thy presence, and the gates of hell have not prevailed against it. And once more this evening Thou hast admitted us into Thy presence, to offer our evening sacrifice, to make prayers and intercessions for all men, and to glorify and declare Thy goodness.

We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and

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all the mercies of this life. We bless Thee for the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ our Lord; for all means of grace, and the hope of eternal glory. We bless Thee for all Thy purposes of mercy unto Thy Church, and above all for the sure hope of the appearing and kingdom of Thy Son, who shall come again in the brightness of Thy majesty, and gather unto Himself His saints, both living and departed, and reign with them in the glory of the resurrection in the age to come. And unto Thee, O Father Almighty, with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, one living and true God, we ascribe all honour and glory, thanksgiving and praise, now, henceforth, and for ever.

Amen.

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XIII.

Prayers for Illumination.

1.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law, and give us grace that we may clearly understand and heartily choose the way of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, the source of all life and joy, who, by the glad sound of the Gospel, hast called us to have part in Thy kingdom and glory, shine into our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Word and Spirit, and draw us with the cords of Thy constraining grace; that we may heartily choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us, and give all diligence to make our calling and election sure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church; that, being enlightened by Thy most holy Word, we may so walk

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in the light of Thy truth, that we may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

4.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant unto us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5.

O Lord God, our Sun, by whom light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart; illuminate our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy heavenly grace, and fill them with pure wisdom which cometh from above; that we may walk before Thee in simplicity and godly sincerity all our days, not taking counsel of the world or of the flesh, but aiming and endeavouring in all things only to know and do Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

6.

O Almighty God, who hast caused the light of Thy glorious Gospel to shine into the world, give unto us Thy grace, that we may be no longer children, tossed about with every wind of doctrine, but may be established in Thy most holy truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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7.

O Lord, who dost instruct us by Thy holy Scriptures, we beseech Thee, enlighten our minds and purify our hearts, that we may be able to comprehend, and receive as we ought, the things which are therein revealed to us. Assist Thy ministers that they may proclaim Thy word with purity, clearness, and simplicity. Make their preaching effectual by the virtue of the Holy Spirit, that the good seed may be received into our hearts, as into a soil well prepared, and may bring forth fruits with abundance; that we may not only hear Thy word but keep it, so living in accordance with its divine instructions all the time of our sojourn in this world, that we may come finally to eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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XIV.

Ascriptions of Glory.

1.

NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

2.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

3.

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

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4.

Now unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of Lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen or can see: to Him be honour and power everlasting.

Amen.

5.

Now unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Amen.

6.

And now to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Persons, and one God, be ascribed by us, and by the whole Church, as is most due, the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

7.

Unto the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, be ascribed in the Church all honour and glory, might, majesty, dominion, and blessing, now, henceforth, and for ever.

Amen.

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XV.

Intercessions.

1.

Morning.

For the Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all the ministers of the Catholic Church, and for all Thy flock and congregation [especially ———]. Send down upon us, we beseech Thee, the manifold gifts of Thy Spirit; and grant unto us grace so to exercise the same to Thy glory, that every member of Thy Church in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear: beseeching Thee that Thou wilt give unto us grace so to follow their good examples, that we with them may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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For Kings, and those in authority. O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favour to behold all Christian kings, princes, and governors, and especially our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria; and so replenish her with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way: endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

During Session of Parliament. Most gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled, that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our sovereign and her dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

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For the People (in morning of working days).

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast given unto us the promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come; we beseech Thee for Thy blessing upon our substance; and that, having food and raiment, we may be therewith content, and may pass our days in peace and quietness. We pray Thee, therefore, be with Thy servants, who are now going forth unto their work and labour, until the evening; and comfort their hearts with a due return for the same. Bestow Thy grace upon all who are rich, that with a free heart they may yield unto the labourer his hire, and may be bountiful unto the needy: and do Thou deliver the poor from oppression, and give unto them patience and contentment; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For all in Trouble.

Almighty and most merciful God, who art a seasonable refuge in time of trouble; let the prayers of those who, in tribulation or any sort of extremity, cry unto Thee, reach Thy merciful ears, and grant them relief according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; for the sake of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2.

Evening.

For the Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast promised to reveal Thy glory by Jesus Christ among all nations; remember, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout

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all the world; send down upon all Thy ministers and all the congregations committed to their charge the healthful spirit of Thy grace; unite all who profess and call themselves Christians in the bond of a holy faith as one body; and so replenish them and us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works; and that, having persevered in the way of godliness to the end, we may, with all Thy saints, come into full communion with Thee and with one another, in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom; through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

For Kings, and those in authority.

Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by Thy holy Word that the hearts of kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to Thy godly wisdom; we humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the hearts of all Thy servants, and especially of Thy servant Victoria, our Queen and Governor, that in all their thoughts, words, and works, they may ever seek Thine honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people, committed to their charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For all in Trouble.

O merciful Father, the comfort of those who are in sorrow, the strength of those who are oppressed; let the cries of the afflicted enter into Thine ears, we beseech Thee, and do Thou save them out of all their distresses. Heal

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Thou all who are sick, relieve all who are in need, and in Thy pity grant Thy consolations to all who are oppressed with grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

A Prayer for all conditions of men.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are anyways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; and this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake.

Amen.

4.

Prayer with which the Intercessions may be concluded.

(1.)

Almighty and ever-living God, most merciful Father, in whose presence our Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest and Advocate, continually

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appears; we humbly beseech Thee mercifully to look down upon us, Thine unworthy servants, coming before Thee in His name; and, for the merits of His sacrifice, hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place the supplications, and answer the prayers, which have been presented before Thee in Thy holy Church. Pour out the abundance of Thy pity upon all Thy creatures; establish Thy Church with heavenly grace; gather unto Thyself the full number of Thine elect; and hasten the coming and kingdom of Thy Son. And unto Him with Thyself, O Father Almighty, and with the Holy Ghost, one living and true God, be all honour and glory, worship and praise, now and for evermore.

Amen.

(2.)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(3.)

O God, all righteous and all holy, regard not, we beseech Thee, the infirmities by which our prayers are marred, but in Thy mercy accept them, for the sake of Him who is the only propitiation for mankind. Let the cry of Thy family enter into Thine ears, O

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Father, and send unto Thy children an answer in peace; through our Elder Brother Jesus Christ, who is also our High Priest and Sacrifice, and the Altar which sanctifieth our gift; and to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory in the Church, for ever and ever.

5.

Short Form of Intercession specially for use when there is a celebration of the Holy Communion.

We remember before Thee Thy Church militant here upon earth.

We pray Thee for all ministers of the Catholic Church, and for all baptized people.

We commend unto Thee the congregation here present, whose faith and piety do Thou accept and increase.

We pray Thee for the children of Christian parents, that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We pray Thee to look down in mercy upon Thy desolate heritage, upon Thy scattered and divided people; heal the schisms of the Churches; put away all heresies from among them; bring back all who have wandered; cleanse Thy sanctuary from all defilement of superstition, will-worship, and infidelity; and grant unto Thy Church unity and peace.

Amen.

We pray Thee for all kings, princes, and governors,

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and for all the people; especially for Thy servant Queen Victoria, for her whole council, and for all the people of her realm.

We pray Thee that Thou wilt give peace in our days.

We pray Thee for favourable weather, and that Thou wilt give unto us the fruits of the earth in due season.

Amen.

We pray Thee for all Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics, that Thou wilt turn their hearts.

Amen.

We beseech Thee for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We commend unto Thee all departing this life; and we beseech Thee to receive them to Thy rest.

Amen.

We remember before Thee all those departed in the faith; the holy apostles and prophets, the evangelists and pastors; the blessed martyrs and confessors; and all Thy saints who have gone before.

Amen.

Hasten, O God, the time when Thou shalt send from Thy right hand Him whom Thou wilt send; at whose appearing the saints departed shall be raised, and we, which are alive, shall be caught up to meet

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Him, and so shall ever be with the Lord. Under the veil of earthly things we have now communion with Him; but with unveiled face we shall then behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory; and by Him we, with all Thy Church, holy and unspotted, shall be presented with exceeding joy before the presence of Thy glory. Hear us, O heavenly Father, for His sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one living and true God, be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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XVI.

The Litany.

O GOD the Father, of heaven : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Father, of heaven : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord; spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of Thee, in righteousness

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and holiness of life, Thy servant Victoria, our most gracious Queen and Governor;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to rule her heart in Thy faith, fear, and love, and that she may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all Thy Ministers with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisdom, and understanding;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us an heart to

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love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give and preserve to

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our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall the Minister and the People with him say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

Neither reward us after our iniquities.

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O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us.

As we do put our trust in Thee.

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We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

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XVII.

Thanksgivings for Special Occasions.

In Time of Harvest.

O LORD God Almighty, the fountain of all goodness, by whose word alone all things receive increase and are brought unto perfection, and by whose appointment the fruits of the earth are given for meat unto the children of men; we offer unto Thee our praises and thanksgivings that Thou hast brought us through the circuit of another year, and that, according to Thy promise, seed-time and harvest have not failed. [Thou hast crowned the year with Thy goodness; the earth at Thy commandment hath brought forth abundantly; and our barns are filled with plenty.] We give thanks unto Thy holy name, we rejoice before Thee and praise Thee for Thy goodness to us and to all the creatures of Thy hand; for Thou art the giver of all good gifts, and unto Thee we render glory and praise, even unto the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, now and for evermore, world without end.

Amen.

For Fair Weather.

O Lord God, who hast justly humbled us by Thy late plague of immoderate rain and waters, and in

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Thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather; we praise and glorify Thy holy name for this Thy mercy, and will always declare Thy loving-kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

For Rain.

O God, our heavenly Father, who by Thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; we give Thee humble thanks that it hath pleased Thee, in our great necessity, to send at the last a joyful rain upon our land, and to refresh it when it was weary, to the great comfort of us Thine unworthy servants, and to the glory of Thy holy name; through Thy tender mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

For Deliverance from Dearth.

O most merciful Father, who of Thy grace and goodness hast heard the devout prayers of Thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into cheapness and plenty; we give Thee humble thanks for this Thy special bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness unto us, that our land

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may yield us her fruits of increase, to Thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

For Deliverance from Pestilence.

O most merciful Father, who for our sins hast been justly displeased, but in the midst of Thy judgments hast remembered mercy; we meekly acknowledge Thy marvellous loving-kindness towards us, and Thy tender goodness. Thou didst visit us with Thy sore displeasure; but in Thine abundant mercy Thou hast hearkened unto the prayer of Thy people, and hast assuaged the plague of sickness with which Thou hast lately afflicted us. We render unto Thy divine majesty our humble thanksgivings, and rejoice in Thy salvation. We laud and magnify Thine ever-glorious and honourable name, the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and unto Thee, in Thy holy Church, we ascribe glory and worship, power and dominion, blessing and praise, now, henceforth, and for evermore, world without end.

Amen.

For Peace and Deliverance from Enemies.

1.

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower of defence unto Thy servants against the face of their enemies; we yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for

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our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed. We acknowledge it to be of Thy goodness that we were not delivered over as a prey unto them; beseeching Thee still to continue Thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that Thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

2.

O Almighty God, who hast in all ages showed forth Thy power and mercy in all the deliverances of Thy Church, and in the protection of righteous states and nations, maintaining Thy holy and eternal truth; we adore the wisdom and goodness of Thy providence, which hath so timely interposed in our extreme danger, and again filled our hearts with joy and gladness, after that Thou hadst afflicted us. We beseech Thee, give us such a lively and lasting sense of this Thy great mercy towards us, that we may not grow secure, and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon Thy goodness; but that it may lead us to repentance, and move us to be the more zealous in all the duties of our religion, as well to Thee as to one another. Let truth and justice, liberty and order, holiness and piety, concord and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make this nation a bulwark of Thy Church, and a joy and praise in the earth. So will we, Thy people, and the sheep of Thy pasture, give Thee thanks for ever, and always be showing forth Thy praise from generation to gener-

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ation; through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer, to whom with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

For Restoring Public Peace at Home.

O eternal God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind, and stillest the outrage of a violent and unruly people; we bless Thy holy name, that it hath pleased Thee to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in Thy holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these Thy mercies toward us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

For a Safe Voyage.

Most gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all Thy works; we praise Thy holy name, that Thou hast been pleased to conduct us in safety through the perils of the deep, and to bring us to the end of our journey in peace. May we be duly sensible of Thy merciful providence toward us, and ever express our

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thankfulness by a holy trust in Thee, and obedience to Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Deliverance from Storms.

O most merciful and mighty God, who at Thy pleasure raisest the winds and waves of the sea, or commandest them back to peace; we, Thy creatures, spared by Thy mercy to praise Thee, do give Thee unfeigned thanks, for that Thou heardest our cry when we were at the brink of death, and didst not suffer us to perish in the devouring waters. And we here offer ourselves, our bodies and our souls, which Thou hast redeemed, to be a living sacrifice unto Thee of praise and thanksgiving, all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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XVIII.

Intercessions for Special Occasions.

At Seed-time.

O LORD our God, author and giver of all good things, who hast ordained the earth to bring forth grass for cattle, and herbs and food for the service of man; look down in Thy compassion upon this and the neighbouring lands, and bless, we beseech Thee, the labours of Thy servants, who have tilled and sown our fields. Vouchsafe to us temperate and seasonable weather; cause Thy sun to shine, and let Thy rain and dew refresh the ground, that the fruits of the earth may be matured, our garners may be filled with corn and all good fruits, and that abundance of food, both for man and for beast, may be supplied to us. So we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture will give thanks unto Thy holy name, waiting for the time when, with all Thy saints, we shall be gathered into the garner of Thy kingdom. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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In Time of Dearth.

O God, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall and the earth bring forth her increase; behold, we beseech Thee, the afflictions of Thy people. Visit the earth with Thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we now suffer, may, through Thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty, that we, receiving Thy bountiful liberality, may use the same to Thy glory, the relief of those that are needy, and our own comfort, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

For Rain.

O God, heavenly Father, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all them that seek Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary for their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and to Thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In Time of a Rainy Harvest.

O God, our Sun and Shield, who hast spared us to see another season of ingathering, renew Thy mercy unto us, we beseech Thee, and stay the falling

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of the rain from heaven, that the increase which Thou hast given may not be destroyed. We confess that we have been worldly and thankless, and have forgotten that Thou, who crownest the year with Thy goodness, canst turn a fruitful land into barrenness for the wickedness of them that dwell therein. Hear our cry, O Lord, and have mercy upon us, that the fields may be joyful, and all that are therein. The waters fly at Thy rebuke: the stormy wind fulfilleth Thy word. Let not the labour of the husbandman be in vain, O our Father: let not the bread of Thy children fail. But do Thou keep from all harm the fruits of the earth, till they be stored in our garners safely and in abundance. And this we ask for the sake of Him who fed the bodies of men with the bread that perisheth, and their souls with the living bread which came down from heaven.

Amen.

For Fair Weather.

Almighty God, who for our sins hast visited us with immoderate rain and waters; we beseech Thee of Thy great mercy to pardon our offences, and to restore to us such temperate weather, that we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season, to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In Time of Sickness.

Almighty God, who forgivest the inquities of Thy people, and healest all their diseases; who hast proclaimed Thy name to be the Lord that healeth us,

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and hast sent Thy well-beloved Son to bear our sicknesses; look down upon us Thine unworthy servants, who humble ourselves before Thee and acknowledge that we have justly provoked the indignation of Thine anger. We beseech Thee to have mercy upon us, and to forgive us; and, of Thy loving-kindness, to remove this plague of sickness, the judgment of Thy hand, with which Thou hast visited us; and this we ask for the honour of Thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

On Behalf of Nations engaged in War.

O Lord God of infinite mercy, we humbly beseech Thee to look down upon the nations now engaged in war. Reckon not against Thy people their many iniquities, for from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fightings amongst us. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death: comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Remove in Thy good providence all causes and occasions of war; dispose the hearts of those engaged therein to moderation; and of Thy great goodness restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In Time of War.

O Lord God of infinite mercy, we humbly beseech Thee to look down in compassion upon this kingdom and nation now involved in war. Reckon not against

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us our many iniquities; pardon our offences, our pride and arrogance, our self-sufficiency and forgetfulness of Thee.

Save and defend our gracious Queen. Give wisdom to her councillors, skill to her officers, courage and endurance to her soldiers and sailors. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death. Comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying.

Finally, we beseech Thee to remove, in Thy good providence, all causes and occasions of war; to dispose our hearts and the hearts of our enemies to moderation; and of Thy great goodness to restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

On Commencing a Voyage.

O most powerful Lord God, who didst carry the hosts of Israel through the sea, singing the praise of Thy name; let Thy grace, going before and attending on our voyage, find for us a pathway upon the waters, and be to us our help in setting forth; our guiding star on the way; the shield of our defence against enemies; our harbour in shipwreck, and the anchor of our hope; that so we may come at length to the desired haven, both in this life and in the life immortal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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In Time of Storm or Tempest.

O most mighty and eternal God, who commandest the winds and seas, and they do obey Thy voice; in dread of Thy great power, yet trusting to Thy mercy, we cry unto Thee in behalf of all those exposed to peril [*or*, in this our peril and trouble], through this prevailing storm and tempest. We beseech Thee to have mercy upon us, and spare Thy creatures whom Thou hast made. Forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee; and assuage, we beseech Thee, this storm. Do Thou bid the winds to cease, and let there be a calm. Of Thy great goodness rescue and deliver those who are travelling by land or by water, and especially those [*or*, especially us Thine unworthy servants, whom Thou seest to be] in peril of shipwreck; and grant that, being taught by Thy power, and persuaded by Thy mercy, they [*or* we], and all Thy people, may henceforth serve Thee in pureness of living and truth, to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

To be used at Sea.

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea, and hast compressed the water within bounds, until day and night shall come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thine almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants, and the ship [*or* fleet] in which we serve. Preserve us from dangers of the deep, and from the violence of enemies (that we may be a safeguard unto our country, and a security for such as do business in the mighty waters), that in

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due season we may return to our homes with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies, and that finally, having passed the sea of this troubled life, we may enter the haven of eternal rest; through Him who is our only refuge and Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Missions and Missionaries.

1.

O eternal Spirit, through whom in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted before Him; enlighten our hearts that we may know and perceive, in all nations and kindreds of people, whatsoever there is in any of them of true and honest, just and pure, lovely and of good report; through the Word which lighteth every man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh; grant that all the people of heathen lands may seek after Thee and find Thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy promise to pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

O God and Father of all the families of the earth, who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all

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should come to the knowledge of the truth; we beseech Thee to have mercy upon those who are walking in darkness, and bowing down to idols. Deliver them, we pray Thee, from all the delusions of the devil; bring them to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent; and unite them to Thy true spiritual fold; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

4.

O God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob; have mercy, we beseech Thee, upon Thine ancient people the house of Israel; deliver them from their hardness of heart and unbelief of Thy Gospel, that, their hearts being turned to Thee, they may behold Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ, and may acknowledge Him to be their Saviour, whom their fathers gave up to be crucified, so that they may be brought into Thy holy Church, and saved among the remnant of the true Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5.

O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy name to preach the Gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappoint-

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ment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual favour; and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high, and so prosper Thy work in their hands, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake, and grant that all who are called by Thy name may be one in Thee, and may abound more and more in prayers and in freewill offerings, for the extension of Thy kingdom throughout the world, to Thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

6.

Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy Church a ready will to obey Thy Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth labourers into Thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by Thy grace for the work of their ministry: give

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them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind: strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that by their life and doctrine they may show forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For our Fellow-Countrymen in Heathen Lands.

O Lord, who hast commanded us by Thine apostles to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and as we have each received Thy gift, so to minister the same one to another; grant to all who are baptized into Thy holy name, and especially to our fellow-countrymen who sojourn in distant lands, that they may show forth Thy praises, who hast called them out of darkness into marvellous light. Preserve them, we beseech Thee, from the sin of offending Thy little ones who believe in Thee, and from causing Thy Word to be blasphemed among the heathen. Make them as the salt of the earth, and as a light in the world; that so, beholding their good works, and won by their holy life, multitudes may be turned to Thy truth, to glorify Thee in the day of visitation, who art our Saviour and our God, blessed for ever.

Amen.

For the Young.

O gracious Saviour, who lovest little children, and didst take them into Thy holy arms and bless them; bless now, we pray Thee, the children in this parish.

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May they grow up in Thy fear and love. May they live ever as members of Christ, children of God, and heirs of heaven. May they give their hearts to Thee, and remember their Creator in the days of their youth; that so they may be Thine for ever, and at length enter the heavenly inheritance, which Thou hast purchased for them, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God evermore.

Amen.

For a Penitent.

O most merciful God, who according to the multitude of Thy mercies dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more; regard with Thine eye of mercy this Thy servant, who hath sought Thy pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed or corrupted through *his* own carnal will or frailty, or by the fraud and malice of the devil. Preserve and keep *him* henceforth in the unity of Thy holy Church, and strengthen *him* continually with Thy divine and life-giving Spirit. Restore unto *him* the joy of Thy salvation and the light of Thy countenance, that *he* may abide Thy faithful servant unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

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For a Sick Person desiring the Prayers of the Church.

1.

Almighty and ever-blessed God, our refuge and our hope; stretch forth, we pray Thee, Thy healing hand on Thy servant (for whom in *his* sickness our prayers are desired); but, O heavenly Father, grant that *he* may so acknowledge Thy fatherly love in this and in all *his* trials, that whatsoever Thou mayest appoint concerning *him*, *he* may be wholly resigned to Thy gracious will, and may be filled with the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit; through our only Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, of Thine infinite goodness grant unto the soul of Thy servant, who desires to be remembered in our prayers, the anointing of the Holy Ghost, who is the spirit of all strength, comfort, relief, and gladness. Vouchsafe for Thy great mercy, if it be Thy blessed will, to restore unto *him* bodily health and strength to serve Thee; and send *him* release of all *his* pains, troubles, and diseases, both in body and mind; and howsoever Thy goodness, by Thy divine and unsearchable providence, may dispose of *him*, we, Thine unworthy servants, humbly beseech Thee to do with *him* according to the multitude of Thine innumerable mercies, and to pardon all *his* sins and offences. Vouchsafe, also, mercifully to grant unto *him* strength, by Thy Holy Spirit, to withstand and overcome all temptations and assaults of the adversary, that in no wise

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he prevail against *him*, but that *he* may have perfect victory and triumph against the devil, sin, and death; through Christ our Lord, who by His death hath overcome him that had the power of death, and with the Father and the Holy Ghost evermore liveth and reigneth, world without end.

Amen.

At the Laying of the Foundation-Stone of a Church.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to begin the erection of a house in which Thy name is to be worshipped, the glad tidings of salvation proclaimed, and Thy holy Sacraments administered.

Prosper Thou us, O Lord, in this our undertaking. Keep and preserve by Thy providence unto the end the work which is now begun in Thy fear. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the workmen. Shield them from all accidents and dangers. And grant unto them, and all of us here present, the influences of Thy divine Spirit, so that we may become in soul and body living temples of the Holy Ghost, and be prepared for that eternal city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

At the Opening of a Church.

O Lord our God, there is no God beside Thee. Thou alone art worthy to receive adoration and

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praise, for Thou art holy, and all nations shall come to worship before Thee, when they learn the joy of Thy salvation. We praise Thee, most merciful Father, for the foundation of Thy Church on earth; for Thy sacred oracles, for the ministry of Thy Word, and for Thy holy Sacraments. We give Thee thanks, that by Thy providence this house has been erected for the worship of Thy name. Accept, we beseech Thee, the work of our hands. Let this house be the House of God. Here let Thy presence dwell and Thy glory be revealed. When Thy holy Word is read and preached in this place, and the holy Sacraments are administered, send down upon the congregation the dews of Thy heavenly grace. When Thy people bring to Thee their thanksgiving for the gifts of Thy providence, accept their offering and bless them, that their joy may be full. And when in seasons of calamity and distress they humble themselves before Thee and implore Thy mercy, hear Thou in heaven and pity them; forgive their sins wherein they have transgressed against Thee and deliver them, or else comfort and support them under their trials; and sanctify unto them their affliction, that it may bring forth in them the fruits of salvation and peace. Hear us, we beseech Thee, O God of all grace, Father of all light, and Fountain of all good. Let our prayer come up before Thee and be acceptable through the merits of Jesus Christ, and do unto us according to Thy great mercy and love. And unto Thee, King eternal, immortal, and invisible, who alone art mighty, wise, and good, who dwellest in light which no man can approach unto and live—unto Thee be all glory through Jesus Christ, in heaven and in earth, for ever and ever.

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For such as offer themselves for, or are engaged in, works of Charity.

Almighty God, who didst send Thy Son Jesus Christ into the world, to visit us in our low estate, and to minister unto us Thy consolations; we render unto Thee our humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast inspired the hearts of these Thy servants with zeal for the honour of Thy name and desire to labour in Thy Church. And now we present them in Thy holy presence, and implore upon them the abundance of Thy grace and benediction. [We pray Thee, shed abroad in their hearts Thy love, endow them with mercy and loving-kindness, with meekness and gentleness, with unwearying diligence and patient endurance.] Grant them, O Lord, to persevere unto the end; and forget not, we beseech Thee, in that day, the work and labour of love which they shall have shown towards Thy holy name. May they be found at the right hand of Thy Son, and inherit the kingdom prepared for all who diligently serve Thee in faith and love, which are in Him. Hear us for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

For Singers.

Almighty God, who hast ordained the faculties of man to be the eternal instruments of rendering to Thee glory and praise, and hast moved the hearts of these Thy servants to desire to serve Thee, in

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singing the praises of Thy name in the midst of Thy congregation; grant unto them, we beseech Thee, Thy blessing and grace. O Thou whose name is holy, who willeth that all things in Thy house should be holiness unto Thee; sanctify these Thy servants, we humbly beseech Thee, in this holy work; endue them with the spirit of worship in Thy holy fear; that, through the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, they may edify themselves and all Thy congregation in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with grace in their hearts. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

For Unity.

1.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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2.

O Almighty God, who didst call out Thy Church, to be one holy body, filled with Thy divine presence and life, and instructed in Thine eternal truth; have mercy upon all who profess and call themselves Christians; lead them, we beseech Thee, out of all their wandering and divisions, and heal all mutual hatred, variance, and animosities, that they may all once more be one in Jesus Christ, as He is one with Thee. Deliver all those who are deceived by the wiles of the enemy and have forsaken the congregation of Thy Church, or been carried away by the vanity of error, and restore them, of Thy mercy, to the unity of the truth in the one fold of Jesus Christ, Thy holy Church.

Amen.

3.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto Thine apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will, who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

Amen.

At the Beginning of the Year.

Almighty and eternal God, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day; we bring Thee thanks and praise for Thy blessings, more than we can number, with which Thou hast crowned our lives during the year now past; and, since Thy mercies are ever new, let the year which

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has now begun be to us a year of grace and salvation. Have pity upon us in our misery, whose days are as the grass; deliver us from the vanity of our fallen nature, and establish us in the fellowship of that life which is the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. Graciously protect and conduct us through the uncertainties of this new year of our earthly pilgrimage; prepare us for its duties and trials, its joys and sorrows; help us to watch and pray, and to be always ready like men that wait for their Lord; and grant that every change, whether it be of prosperity or adversity, of life or death, may bring us nearer to Thee, and to that great eternal year of joy and rest, which, after the years of this vain earthly life, awaits the faithful in Thy blissful presence; when we shall unite with angels and saints in ascribing blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, unto Him who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Amen.

For Grace to Redeem the Time.

O God, who hast made our days as an handbreadth, so that our age is as nothing before Thee; impress us with a sense of our frailty, and so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Dispose us to walk circumspectly, redeeming the time; to be sober, watchful, and prayerful; and to do with all our might whatsoever our hand findeth, for the advancement of Thy glory, the good of our fellow-men, and the furtherance of our own spiritual welfare; and grant that after having done and suffered Thy will upon the earth, we may have an entrance ministered to us abundantly into the

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everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Amen.

Almsgiving.

O Lord our Governor, who art King of all the earth; accept, of Thine infinite goodness, the offerings of Thy people, which, in obedience to Thy commandment, in honour of Thy name, and with a free will and joyful heart, we yield and dedicate to Thee: and grant unto us Thy blessing, that the same being devoted to Thy service, may be used for Thy glory, and for the welfare of Thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For a Blessing on Industrial Work done for the Church.

Almighty and most gracious God, Creator of all things, who hast given to Thy creature man skill to devise, and also strength and ability to execute, and hast commanded us, whatsoever we do, to do all to Thy glory; prosper, we beseech Thee, our present labours, and grant that ministering to Thy Church of our earthly things, we may receive from Thee an abundant increase of spiritual blessings, to the relief of our necessities and the glory of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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For those who minister in Holy Things.

O Thou great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, give unto Thy servants, the ministers of the mysteries of our most holy faith, the spirit of prudence and activity, faith and charity, confidence and zeal, diligence and watchfulness, that they may declare Thy will unto Thy people faithfully, and minister Thy Sacraments rightly. Grant, O Lord, that by a holy life and a true belief, by well-doing, and patient suffering when Thou dost call them to it, they may glorify Thee, the great lover of souls, and, after a plentiful conversion of sinners from the error of their ways, may shine as the stars in glory.

Amen.

Before Election of Elders or Deacons.

Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast appointed diverse administrations for the edifying of His Body in truth, holiness, and charity; mercifully look upon Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed, and, at this time, so guide and govern them that they may faithfully and wisely make choice of fit *persons* to serve before Thee in Thy Church. And to *those* who shall be appointed to any holy function, give Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that both by *their* life and doctrine *they* may show forth Thy praises, and set forward the salvation of all men, to the glory of Thy great name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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For the Opening of a Church Court.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the first synod of the apostles and elders at Jerusalem, and dost still inhabit the whole company of the faithful; vouchsafe, we pray Thee, unto us Thy servants here assembled, Thy gracious presence and benediction. Deliver us from all error, pride, and prejudice. Enlighten us with wisdom from above. Fill our hearts with the spirit of unity and peace; and so order and govern us in all our doings, that the kingdom of Satan may be broken down, Thy people comforted and established in their most holy faith, and the Gospel purely preached and truly followed, until at length all Thy dispersed sheep shall be gathered into the fold of the great Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be glory for ever.

Amen.

For the General Assembly during their Session.

O almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the first assembly of the apostles and elders at Jerusalem, and dost still inhabit the whole company of the faithful; mercifully regard, we beseech Thee, Thy servants chosen and gathered before Thee at this time, as a chief court and council of Thy Church. Shed down upon them all heavenly wisdom and grace; enlighten them with true knowledge of Thy Word; inflame them with a pure zeal for Thy glory; and so order all their doings through Thy good Spirit that unity and peace shall

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prevail among them; that truth and righteousness shall flow forth from them; and that, by their endeavours, all Thy ministers and churches shall be established and comforted, Thy Gospel everywhere purely preached and truly followed, Thy kingdom among men extended and strengthened, and the whole body of Thine elect people grow up into Him who is Head over all things to the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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XIX.

Collects for Special Occasions.

For the Season of Holy Communion.

1.

O GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who dost, in Thy good providence, call us to draw near to Thee in Holy Communion; look graciously, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servants who are about to seek Thy grace in this most sacred ordinance. Give unto them true and hearty sorrow for past sins, power to confess the same unto Thee, grace to seek Thy mercy and forgiveness, and an earnest desire to walk before Thee in newness and holiness of life; and mercifully grant that we, with all those who shall come to Thy holy table, may be filled with Thy Spirit in the inner man; that drawing near with penitent hearts and lively faith, we may receive the holy sacrament to our present and everlasting comfort; through Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2.

O God, who art the fountain of all holiness, we beseech Thee for the help of Thy continual grace; that, partaking of this Thy holy table as strangers

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and pilgrims here on earth, we may be advanced to partake of the heavenly feast in the general assembly of all Thy saints in the day of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in Thy last supper with Thy disciples didst ordain in the blessed sacrament a perpetual memorial of Thy passion until Thy coming again; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such discernment of Thy holy mysteries, that we may continually receive the full fruition of Thy redeeming love; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

4.

O God, who, in these holy mysteries, hast vouchsafed to feed us with the spiritual food of the flesh and blood of Thy dear Son; we beseech Thee, that all who faithfully partake of the same may grow up in the communion of the body of Christ, and finally attain unto the glory of the resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

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5.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, who hast ordained this holy sacrament to be a continual memorial of Thy precious death until Thy coming again; we humbly beseech Thee that all we who have partaken of these holy mysteries may be enabled, through Thy strength and comfort, to endure steadfastly unto that day, and to lift up our heads with joy because our redemption draweth nigh; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Incarnation of our Lord.

1.

Most merciful God, who hast so loved the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life; vouchsafe unto us, we humbly pray Thee, the precious gift of faith, whereby we may know that the Son of God is come; and, being always rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Word made flesh, may have power to overcome the world, and gain the blessed immortality of heaven; through the merits of the same incarnate Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit after the image of this same blessed and glorious Christ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O Thou only-begotten Son of God, who in the fulness of time coming forth from the bosom of the Father, wast made flesh, and didst dwell among us, full of grace and truth; we bless Thee for Thy conception by the Holy Ghost and for Thy birth of the blessed Virgin, whereby Thou hast become the true seed of Abraham, and didst take upon Thyself all our sins and infirmities, that we might have salvation from sin and eternal life in Thee. With the multitude of angels who proclaimed Thy joyous advent, and with Thy people among all nations, we unite in saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

Amen.

4.

O Almighty God, who by the birth of Thy Holy One into the world didst give Thy true light to dawn upon our darkness; grant that as Thou hast

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given us to believe in the mystery of His incarnation, and hast made us partakers of the divine nature, so in the world to come we may ever abide with Him, in the glory of His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only Son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Circumcision of our Lord.

Almighty God, who madest Thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Thy blessed will; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Manifestation of our Lord to the Gentiles.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; merci-

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fully grant that we who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord.

1.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thy tender mercy towards mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3.

O most merciful Father, who of Thy tender compassion towards us guilty sinners didst give Thine

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only-begotten Son to be an offering for our sins; grant us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, that, being united unto Him by Thy Spirit, and made partakers of His sufferings and His death, we may crucify the corrupt inclinations of the flesh, die daily unto the world, and lead holy and unblamable lives. Cleaving unto His cross in all the temptations of life, may we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, and finally attain unto the resurrection of the just; through the merits of this same once crucified but now risen and exalted Saviour.

Amen.

4.

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou holy and spotless Lamb of God, who didst take upon Thyself the curse of sin which was due to us; we unite with all the heavenly host of the redeemed in ascribing unto Thee power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. We bless Thee for all the burdens Thou hast borne, for all the tears Thou hast wept, for all the pains Thou hast suffered, for every word of comfort Thou hast spoken on the cross, for every conflict with the powers of darkness, and for Thine eternal victory over the terrors of death and the pains of hell.

Amen.

The Burial of our Lord.

1.

O Almighty God, who by the descent of our Saviour Jesus Christ into hell, and His rising again

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from the dead, hast given assurance that the spirits of those who sleep in Him do abide in joy and felicity; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such steadfast faith and lively hope, that we may purify ourselves as He is pure; and that we, with Thy whole redeemed Church, may speedily attain unto the resurrection from the dead, when our mortal bodies shall put on immortality and incorruption, and we shall be changed into the likeness of His glorious body; who liveth and abideth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

2.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so, by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for His merits, who died and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Resurrection of our Lord.

1.

Almighty God, who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gates of everlasting life; we humbly beseech Thee, that as, by Thy special grace preventing us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good

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effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

2.

Almighty God, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the glorious Prince of salvation, with everlasting victory over hell and the grave; grant us power, we beseech Thee, to rise with Him to newness of life, that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just; through the merits of the same risen Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks that when He had descended into the grave, Thou didst not suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption, but didst show unto Him the path of life and raise Him from the dead, and set Him at Thine own right hand in the heavenly places. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to apprehend with true faith the glorious mystery of our Saviour's resurrection, and fill our hearts with joy, and a lively hope that amid all the sorrow, trials, and temptations of our mortal state, and in the hour of death, we may derive strength and comfort from this sure pledge of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

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4.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst raise up Thy Son from the dead and give Him glory, that our faith and hope might be in Thee; quicken us also, we beseech Thee, by Thy mighty power, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, and cause us to set our affections on things above; so that we may at the last day have part in the resurrection of the just, and in the glory of Thy heavenly kingdom, whither Jesus the forerunner is for us entered, where also He liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, God blessed for ever.

Amen.

5.

O Thou, Prince of life and first-begotten of the dead, whom not having seen we love; breathe upon us that we may receive the Holy Ghost, to abide with us continually, both as the seal of our adoption, and as an earnest of the promised possession. Give us power to walk in the Spirit that we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh, but mortify our members which are upon the earth, and purify ourselves even as Thou art pure, so that at Thy second coming to judge the world in righteousness, we also may appear with Thee, having our vile bodies changed into the fashion of Thine own glorious body, according to the working whereby Thou art able even to subdue all things unto Thyself, who art God over all, blessed for ever.

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The Ascension of our Lord.

1.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Conqueror of death and hell, who from the depths of Thy humiliation didst pass into the heavens, and art crowned with glory and honour as King of saints and eternal High Priest over the house of God; let Thy all-powerful intercessions prevail on our behalf, that, being delivered from the curse of sin, we may receive grace and strength to follow Thee with patient endurance through the sorrows and pains of earth, and the darkness of the grave, and having thus shared in Thy sufferings here, become partakers also of Thy joy and glory in the everlasting kingdom of the Father.

Amen.

2.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thy Holy Ghost to

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comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ has gone before; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost.

1.

God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the house of His continual presence and power among men; mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh, and sanctify our souls; to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Most glorious and blessed God, who through the Holy Ghost hast made Thy one Catholic Church to be the body of Christ, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all; we humbly beseech Thee to grant unto us, and to all Thy people, such strong and steadfast faith in this great mystery of grace, that, being safely defended from all heresy and schism, we may ever abide in the unity of the Spirit, and so grow up into

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Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, be all honour and praise, world without end.

Amen.

3.

O Almighty God, who hast sent down the Holy Ghost upon Thine elect, endowing them with His manifold gifts, and knitting them together in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son; grant unto us grace to use all those Thy gifts alway to Thy honour and glory, and to abound in faith, hope, and charity, waiting for Thy Son from heaven; that when He shall appear, we with all Thy saints may be found of Him in peace, and by Him may be presented before Thy glorious presence with exceeding joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

4.

O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, who by Thy quickening energy hast raised us up to a new life in Christ Jesus, and dost in mercy to our infirmities condescend to dwell in our mortal bodies as Thy consecrated temples; bring forth in our hearts and lives, we beseech Thee, the fruits of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance; that so walking in Thee with all holy obedience, we may stand firm in the knowledge and love of the truth, against the wiles of the devil,

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may overcome the world, and be glorified in the fellowship of the Father and the Son; to whom, with Thee, who art coequal and coeternal God, we ascribe all honour, thanksgiving, and praise.

Amen.

5.

God, who at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Holy Trinity.

1.

O God, the Creator and Saviour of the world, who hast made Thyself known, in the work of man's redemption, as the mystery of the ever-adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three in One and One in Three; reveal in us, we beseech Thee, the full power of this faith into which we have been planted by baptism; that being born of water and of the Spirit we may by a life of holiness be formed into Thine image here, and rise to Thy blissful presence hereafter: there to join, with the song of the seraphim, in praising Thee, world without end.

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2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us Thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Advent of our Lord.

1.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, grant unto Thy people grace that they may wait with vigilance for the advent of Thy Son our Lord, that when He shall arise from Thy right hand to visit the earth in righteousness and Thy people with salvation, He may not find us sleeping in sin, but diligent in Thy service, and rejoicing in Thy praises, that so we may enter in with Him unto the marriage of the Lamb; through His merits, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

2.

God of all grace and comfort, who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ; aid us, we beseech Thee, at

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this time, to repent heartily and truly of all our sins, and so to humble ourselves that when He cometh we may be prepared to receive Him with childlike faith, and join in the glad cry, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Amen.

3.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

Amen.

4.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare the way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

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5.

O Almighty God, grant that those necessary works wherein we are engaged, whether in the affairs of Thy Church or of this world, may not prevail to hinder us; but that, at the appearing and advent of Thy Son, we may hasten with joy to meet Him, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Glorified Saints.

O God, the Father everlasting, whom the glorious hosts of heaven obey, and in whose presence patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, with all the spirits of the just made perfect, continually do live; fix the eye of our faith, we beseech Thee, with clear and full vision, on the great cloud of witnesses wherewith we are thus compassed about, that laying aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and obtain at last the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Communion of Saints.

1.

O Almighty God, who hast built together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mysti-

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cal Body of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable and endless joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, the fountain of all life and power, who hast promised to bring up again from the dead the bodies of them who sleep in Jesus; gather not our souls with sinners, we beseech Thee, but make us to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting, that having been joined with them in one communion here, we may also share hereafter their joyful triumph in the resurrection at the last day; through the same Jesus Christ our risen and glorified Lord.

Amen.

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Benedictions.

1.

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

2.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all evermore.

Amen.

3.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, henceforth and for ever.

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4.

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord cause His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

5.

Of Catechumens.

God Almighty, of His infinite goodness and compassion, incline His ear unto your prayer, and grant unto you the grace of His benediction, and the reward of His eternal salvation.

The Lord be gracious unto you in all times, and in every place; that ye may abide continually in His peace.

Almighty God of His great bounty bless you, and inspire you with true wisdom and His holy fear unto salvation; the Lord nourish you in the doctrines of the true faith, and enable you to persevere in all good works: the Lord turn away your footsteps from all error, and lead you in the path of peace and charity; the Lord grant unto you your desires, and feed you with the fatness of His house, vouchsafing unto you the grace of His holy Communion, that ye may abide therein for ever.

Amen.

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